

SPA Work Plan
August 2009 Update

Objectives:

- Approve the provisional state Accountability Index and proposed recognition system by May 2009.
- Finalize OSPI-SBE recognition program(s) by July 2009 for 2009-2010 school year based on provisional Accountability Index.
- Work with OSPI and stakeholders to refine continuous improvement model processes, which includes OSPI voluntary support programs (and the Innovation Zone) and Academic Watch for Challenged Schools June-November 2009.
- Develop proposed new rule on school improvement planning by March 2010.
- Work with OSPI (and national groups) to request U.S. Education Department to use the provisional state Accountability Index when making AYP decisions, beginning with results generated in the 2010-2011 school year (we realize we may need to adapt our Accountability Index to meet Federal expectations).
- Submit report and proposed legislation to legislature by December 1, 2009.

**Revised Timeline for System Performance Accountability (SPA)
Work 2009**

Dates	Activities
January 14-15	Board meeting to review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft resolution for action. • Feedback on Accountability Index and Pete Bylsma's revisions • Work Plan for 2009. • Achievement Gap Data Overview for Commissions' Work. • ELL Issues for state oversight by Howard DeLeeuw, OSPI.
January- March	Edie and Pete will meet with superintendents at nine ESD meetings across state to review the Accountability Index, Innovation Zone and Academic Watch proposals. Pete will meet with technical advisers from school districts and OSPI at least twice regarding refinements to the index.
February 17	SPA Work session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kris and Edie will frame our work for year. • OSPI will give brief update on NCLB status and Fed funding. • OSPI will present lessons learned from Summit Districts and Sustainability and thoughts on programs to serve continuous improvement for schools and districts. • SBE Consultant will discuss refinements to Accountability Index, as presented to Board in January Meeting. • SBE Consultant will discuss recognition program using Accountability Index.
March 12-13	Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear update from SPA work session. Pete will seek input from several national experts from OSPI's National Technical Advisory Committee on March 13 to review the SBE proposed Accountability Index.

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April 21	SPA Work session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review continued refinements on Accountability Index (focus on alternative education, ELL), deeper analysis for struggling schools and recognition program.
May 14-15	Board meeting to review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from SPA work session. Approve Provisional Accountability Index Plan A (we will also work on a Plan B) and SBE and OSPI recognition program(s).
May-July	Develop strategy and outreach to different stakeholder groups and work with OSPI and the U.S. Education Department on Accountability Index for improved (and unified) system for determining AYP. Work with OSPI on recognition program(s).
June 16	SPA work session on OSPI voluntary state programs of continuous improvement for all schools as well as deeper analysis of struggling schools. Discuss ways to incorporate dropout data and achievement gap recommendations into our work for overall report card tracking.
July 15-17	Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin discussion on OSPI voluntary state programs of continuous improvement and key indicators for deeper analysis.
September 17-18	Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion on provisions for OSPI voluntary school for continuous improvement and Academic Watch process.
October 13	SPA work session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of recommendations and timeline on state voluntary support programs and Academic Watch process. Examine options for school and district improvement plans. Feasibility of using prototypical funding allocation model to report on how state resources are being used. Discuss draft overall accountability report card.
October - November	OSPI/SBE recognition of schools under new program. Discussions with U.S. Department of Education on proposed unified accountability system.
November 12-13	Board meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft school improvement plan rule revisions (look at nine effective school characteristics) and approval of proposals and timeline for OSPI voluntary state support programs for struggling schools under Academic Watch. Present overall accountability report card.
December 1	Report to Legislature December 1 on proposal and implementation for 1) recommendations for state voluntary program, 2) "Academic Watch" for challenged schools and districts that have not demonstrated sufficient improvement through the voluntary system-- Legislature must approve this in statute or appropriations bill, and 3) use of prototypical school model to report on how state resources are used (this last provision does not have a December 1 date).