

**The State Board of Education Work Plan on Accountability from Chapter 235, 2010 Laws  
Effective June 10, 2010  
(Formerly E2SSB 6696)**

Some of the key issues we will have to resolve to adopt the criteria and rules for the new law for Required Action will include:

Given that there will be limited funds (estimated \$8 million for next fiscal year), how should OSPI prioritize the funds for districts identified with the lowest achieving schools.

- What happens to the 21 schools that were not funded this year? How do we address:
  - Those that applied and did not receive funding this year.
  - Those that did not apply.
  - New schools identified within district that already received a school improvement grant (SIG).
  - New schools identified within a district that did not receive a school improvement grant (SIG).
  
- What criteria should we use to prioritize the schools and their districts?
  
- Can districts volunteer for SIGs and not go through Required Action?
  
- How will we mesh up the SIG very rapid application process with our own more detailed process for the local community to participate?
  
- What happens if the local parties cannot agree on a plan in time to receive a SIG grant?

The calendar below outlines the broad tasks required under Required Action. A more detailed timeline will also need to be determined.

**Spring – summer 2010**

Announce and celebrate schools recognized for achievement based on SBE Accountability Index with OSPI. Determine how to recognize schools for closing the achievement gap under the SBE Accountability Index and consult with Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee. Need to work with OSPI to calculate subgroup data.

**Fall 2010**

Adopt rules for Required Action Districts with persistently lowest-achieving schools. Schedule draft for September 15-16 Board meeting and final for November 9-10 Board meeting.

**Winter – spring 2011 (and every year thereafter)**

Designate school districts that will be Required Action Districts (if district did not receive school improvement grant in 2010) based on OSPI recommendations of persistently lowest-achieving schools using the federal criteria in school improvement grant program. Schedule for January 12-13 Board meeting.

Approve local districts' required action plans by (date TBD) Schedule for (date TBD) Board meeting. Award jointly with OSPI schools recognized for exemplary performance using the SBE Accountability Index.

**Spring 2012**

Joint select education accountability committee of eight legislators created to analyze complete system of education accountability especially in the case of lack of improvement in Required Action District by May 1 with reports September 1, 2012 and September 1, 2013.

**Fall 2012**

Create state and local intervention models to add to four federal intervention models that could be funded through state and local funds for Required Action Districts with persistently lowest achieving schools (both Title I and non Title I) beginning in 2013.

**SBE Estimated Timeline for Required Action**  
**(bold in statute, rest will be in rule)**  
**April 1, 2010**

**Required Action Schedule if Parties Agree**

- Winter 2010: OSPI invites districts to volunteer, based on list of five percent lowest achieving Title I or Title I eligible schools.
- **By December 1, 2010: OSPI creates list of five percent lowest achieving Title I or Title I eligible schools and identifies schools/districts for required action. OSPI will establish criteria for identification that meet applicable requirements for receipt of federal school improvement grant.**
- **January 2011 (before January SBE meeting): OSPI recommends school districts for Required Action. School districts may request reconsideration within ten days of recommendation based on whether it met the OSPI criteria. School districts will not be recommended if they received a school improvement grant in 2010 and for three consecutive years thereafter.**

**SBE designates Required Action Districts (annual process). Required Action District must notify all the parents of students attending a lowest achieving school. SBE will create a model letter for districts.**

- By (TBD): **OSPI conducts academic performance audit with external team.**

Required action districts and parties subject to collective bargaining to be negotiated, renewed, or extended will reopen the agreements or negotiate an addendum or modification to the existing collective bargaining agreement to implement the Required Action Plan.

- By (TBD): **Local district submits its draft required action plan that includes draft federal school improvement application, potential model(s), and budget to OSPI.**
- By (TBD): **OSPI confirms Required Action District proposal is alignment with federal school improvement guidelines.**
- By (TBD): **Required Action Districts create Required Action Plan after working with administrators, representatives of unions, staff, teachers, parents, students, and community members. Also must hold public hearing to allow for comment on its Required Action Plan that includes draft federal school improvement application, potential model(s), budget, description of changes, and identification of performance measures to SBE.**
- By (TBD): SBE approves Required Action Plan or sends back to district with rationale.

**If SBE does not approve plan then local district may submit a new plan within 40 days or ask the Required Action Review Panel (five member panel with**

appointments by House, Senate, and Governor<sup>1</sup>) to determine if the SBE gave appropriate consideration to the unique circumstances and characteristics identified in the academic performance audit. Panel may affirm the SBE decision; recommend the SBE reconsider or recommend changes to the plan for Required Action District and SBE to consider.

- By (TBD): Local district will submit a revised Required Action Plan if SBE does not approve the first plan.
- By (TBD): SBE approves revised Required Action Plan.
- By (TBD): If Required Action District does not submit plan or plan is not approved, OSPI may redirect Title I funds to that district that align with academic performance audit.
- School year 2011-12 (next school year after district is designated a Required Action District): Required Action District implements plan).

**Required Action Schedule if Parties Do Not Agree:**

**A. Mediation**

- **By April 15: a Required Action District must begin mediation with PERC if the local parties are unable to resolve disputed issues.**
- **By May 15: local parties must agree to mediation or the PERC executive director will certify the disputed issues for the local Superior Court.**
- By June 1: local board submits plan agreed to under mediation to OSPI and SBE.
- By June 15: OSPI confirms alignment with federal school improvement guidelines; SBE approves local district required action plan based on audit findings.
- **School year 2011-12 (next school year after district is designated a Required Action District): Required Action District implements plan).**

**B. Superior Court (if Mediation is Unsuccessful)**

- **By May 20: School district will file a petition in Superior Court on the unresolved issues.**
- **By June 15: Superior Court determines the issues needed to complete required action plan as final and binding.**
- By June 30: Local board will submit a plan based on Superior Court decisions.
- By July 15: SBE will approve plan (pieces that Superior Court did not decide).
- **School year 2011-12 (next school year after district is designated a Required Action District): Required Action District implements plan).**

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<sup>1</sup> Panel members must be appointed by December 1, 2010. Appointments are for four years. OSPI convenes only at local school district request.