

EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Objectives for 2011-2012

1. Continue the implementation of the Education Accountability Act of 1998, *as amended*, and fulfill other responsibilities assigned by the General Assembly including those within the Teacher Quality Act, the Parental Involvement in Their Children's Education Act, the Education and Economic Development Act and those made by special requests, including:
 - a. Monitoring the development of assessments and related resources linked to the Core Curriculum and communicating alignment with SC aspirations and instruction;
 - b. Monitoring instructional and assessment technology needs to facilitate on-line administration of the Common Core assessments;
 - c. Increasing the impact of the accountability system on decisions which impact state, school and student performance;
 - d. Ensuring the system is effective for the young people currently enrolled and for those young people to come;
 - e. Evaluating the progress of all schools including separate reporting for public charter schools and schools in technical assistance;
 - f. Reporting on growth in achievement across three years of PASS data for the four core academic subjects;
 - g. Reviewing the calculation of the improvement ratings; and
 - h. Supporting and promoting the statement of purpose adopted by the State Board of Education to encourage innovative practices in South Carolina public schools and other initiatives that encourage innovation and creativity.
2. Measure progress toward the 2020 vision for statewide educational performance including:
 - a. Ensuring that no student is enrolled in a school rated At Risk
 - b. Working with stakeholder groups including higher education to understand state aspirations and the tasks necessary to achieve those;
 - c. Adjusting or expanding reporting methods and content to increase sensitivity to growth in performance; and increased knowledge of the performance of students disaggregated by student instructional needs (i.e., EFA and EIA program codes) for the four core academic subjects;
 - d. Recommending actions for policy, practice and funding to accomplish the 2020 vision; and
 - e. Promoting more open dialogue about the gains, challenges and strategies to accomplish the 2020 vision.
3. Increase the level of student reading proficiency by:
 - a. Examining the performance of students, individual and in groups, to understand how and where emphasis is needed in policy and practice;
 - b. Linking student performance to instructional strategies and policies and promoting those which are most effective;
 - c. Engaging the higher education community and other stakeholder groups in discussions of reading achievement to promote changes in teacher preparation and pre-kindergarten through grade twelve policies and practices; and
 - d. Working with the South Carolina Reading Achievement Systemic Initiative to promote a comprehensive reading policy.
4. Develop a long-term strategy for increasing the utility of technology, including:
 - a. Identifying the availability and distribution of virtual courses in public schools;
 - b. Identifying lead districts and examining how technology in instruction has been supported, utilized and with what impact on student achievement;

- c. Identifying cutting-edge strategies for use of technology to address traditional education functions; and
- d. Promoting a statewide commitment for world-class technology in our schools.

- 5. Examine the performance of students to achieve at the highest level including:
 - a. Building a longitudinal PASS data base for the four core academic subjects; and
 - b. Determining opportunities for high ability students to access the gifted and talented programs and advanced college preparatory work generally and in low-performing schools.

- 6. Fulfill responsibilities outlined in the General Appropriations Act.