

Board of Education Regular Meeting 2016
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 7:00 PM Eastern

New Fairfield Community Room
3 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - III.A. March 3, 2016 - Regular
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The Board welcomes public participation. Pursuant to our Board Policy, public participation is limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker and a total of no more than fifteen (15) minutes. People who wish to speak longer are encouraged to attend any and all related subcommittee meetings where most of the board's groundwork is done. We value your input, but due to these time limitations, we ask you to be concise and please do not repeat a previous comment. We know you will observe the rules of common courtesy. Thanks. [9320(a) of Board Bylaws]
- VI. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS
 - VI.A. Chairman's Report
 - VI.B. Superintendent's Report
 - VI.C. Student Representatives' Report
 - VI.D. Committee Reports
 - VI.D.1. Business Operations/Resource Management (Sean Loughran)
 - VI.E. Liaison Reports
 - VI.E.1. Board of Finance (Ed Sbordone)
 - VI.E.2. Parks and Recreation Committee (Sean Loughran)
 - VI.E.3. Calendar (Amy Tozzo)
- VII. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - VII.A. Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Director Search Update
 - VII.B. New CT Accountability System
 - VII.C. Continuous Improvement Goals Update
- VIII. ACTION ITEMS
 - VIII.A. Research Project Approval
 - VIII.B. Personnel Report
 - VIII.C. Retirement Incentive
 - VIII.D. Continuation of Health Benefits
 - VIII.E. 2017-2018 Calendar Survey
 - VIII.F. High School Principal Search Stakeholder Survey
 - VIII.G. Acceptance of Grant
 - VIII.G.1. Technology Grant
- IX. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM
 - IX.A. 2016-17 Budget
- X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

New Fairfield Public Schools

Next-Generation Accountability System

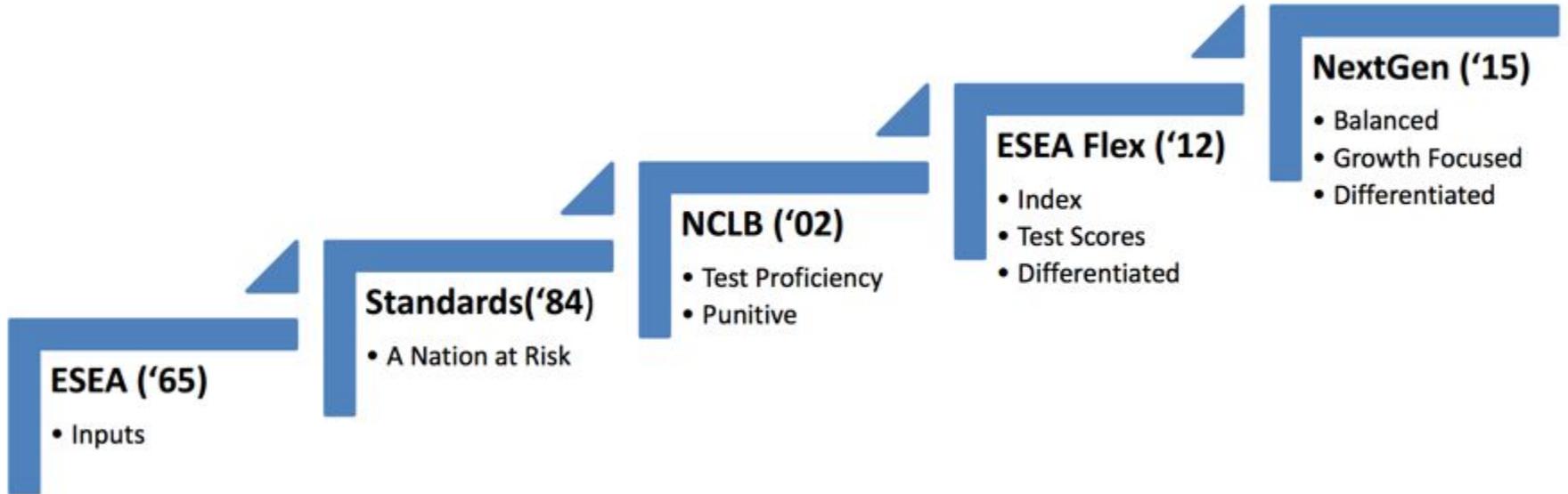
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Part I

Accountability Systems Serve Important Purposes

- Track progress
- Help schools and districts make improvements
- Show where support is needed most
- Recognize successes
- Promote transparency
- Satisfy federal and state requirements

Progression of the accountability system



What are the twelve (12) indicators?

1. Academic achievement (Performance Index) (H)
2. Academic growth (H)
3. Assessment participation rate (H)
4. Chronic absenteeism (H)
5. Preparation for postsecondary and career readiness – coursework
6. Preparation for postsecondary and career readiness – exams

(H) Separate set of points allotted for “High Needs” (students from low income families, English learners [ELs], or students with disabilities)

What are the twelve (12) indicators?

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7. Graduation – on track in ninth grade
 8. Graduation – four-year adjusted cohort
 9. Graduation – six-year adjusted cohort (H)
 10. Postsecondary Entrance Rate
 11. Physical fitness
 12. Arts access

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Why were changes made to the accountability system?

- Provide a more complete picture of a school or district
- Guard against narrowing of the curriculum to the tested subjects
- Expand ownership of accountability to all staff
- Encourage leaders to view accountability results not as a “gotcha” but as a tool to guide and track improvement efforts

A New Family of Index Scores

Each school will have an Accountability Index and a Performance Index.

- The percentage of total possible points earned on all available indicators is the “**Accountability Index.**”
- “**Performance Index**” will continue to refer to the index scores derived from state assessment results (Indicator 1.)
 - Subject-specific (English Language Arts, Math, Science)

Next Steps

- Analyze the Next Generation Accountability System reports at the District and School levels
- Develop District and School Improvement plans based on growth indicators
- Present District and School reports to the Board with plans for improvement

2017-2018 Calendar Survey

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

2017-2018 Calendar Survey

New Fairfield Public Schools seek your input regarding which of two holidays should be listed as a No School Day in 2017. Thank you.

Of the following two days, select the ONE that you most prefer NOT to be a school day (students and staff would have the day off):

- Columbus Day, October 9, 2017
 - Veterans Day, November 10, 2017
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