



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent
"Educating Georgia's Future"

Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
– Other –

Item Name

EAP – Innovative Assessment Pilot Program – Applicant Review

Recommendation – Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve participation by the Cobb County School System in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program during the 2018-19 school year.

Rationale

The State Board of Education is required by Senate Bill 362 (2018) to review applications for and select participants in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program.

Summary

The State of Georgia established an Innovative Assessment Pilot Program allowing up to 10 school districts or groups of districts to develop alternate assessment and accountability systems aligned with state academic content standards beginning in 2018 (see SB 362 summary in attached Application Announcement).

Applications to participate in the pilot program during the 2018-19 school year were received by the September 1 deadline from Cobb County Schools, Georgia MAP Assessment Partnership, and Newton County Schools. All three applications were complete, including submission of all signed assurances and evidence required.

The Georgia MAP Assessment Partnership is composed of 10 members, of which six (Clayton, Floyd, Jackson, Jasper, and Polk county schools, and Marietta City Schools) would participate in the pilot during 2018-19. The other four districts (Dalton and Trion city schools, and Gilmer and Haralson county schools) would participate in subsequent school years.

Those districts approved to participate in the pilot program during 2018-19 are required to seek an amendment to modify the accountability section of their SWSS or Charter System contract, and to submit an agreement that they will abide by State Board accountability and assessment rules and Department procedures that ensure Georgia can abide by federal law regarding assessment and accountability, as summarized in the attached document. Georgia will seek flexibility from the federal government as needed to allow applicants with approved performance contract amendments to implement their pilot program plans.

Contacts

Louis Erste, Associate Superintendent, District Flexibility, Charter Schools, Policy, Governmental Affairs
Matt Jones, Chief of Staff