

## School Board Implementation of Agenda 2017

### Purpose

Wisconsin is advancing education reforms in four key topic areas with the aim to ensure every child graduates ready for further education and the workplace. State Superintendent Tony Evers has set these target goals to achieve by 2017:

- Further increase graduation rate from 85.7 percent to 92 percent.
- Increase career and college readiness from 49 percent to 67 percent.
- Close graduation and career and college readiness gaps by 50 percent.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading and 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics.
- Adopt the Fair Funding for Our Future plan to make school finance more equitable and transparent.

To achieve these goals and advance education for all students, we must collectively focus on four simple but powerful areas.

- [Standards and Instruction](#): *What and how should kids learn?*
- [Assessments and Data Systems](#): *How do we know if they learned it?*
- [School and Educator Effectiveness](#): *How do we ensure kids have highly effective teachers & schools?*
- [School Finance Reform](#): *How should we pay for schools?*

These four topics make up Agenda 2017, Wisconsin's vision for making every child a successful [graduate](#).

### Guiding Principles for School Boards

Certain elements of Agenda 2017 are **required** by law. Ensuring a successful implementation of Agenda 2017 in any district requires a shared understanding of the district's vision as well as the [law](#). Also required is a shared understanding of the implementation tasks required to meet the vision—and a school board in full support of those tasks. As a board, using these guiding principles will help to sustain your district's implementation efforts.

1. *Have we built a shared understanding at the local level of the requirements of the four topic areas addressed in Agenda 2017?*
2. *How does our district vision/mission related to each of these four topic areas align with Agenda 2017?*
3. *How will we measure our district's progress of each of the four topic areas addressed in Agenda 2017?*
4. *Do we need to make updates to current school board policies given legislation related to the four topic areas addressed in Agenda 2017? If so, where?*
5. *How do we support administrators as they update district personnel practices (e.g., staff handbook, job descriptions, and evaluation) to meet legal requirements or updated district policies?*
6. *How will we align our district budget/resources/technology with our priorities?*
7. *Have we developed a communications message? Do we have a plan for communicating with various stakeholders to ensure consistent messaging across the district?*

These guiding principles in this implementation guide echo the [Key Works of School Boards](#) outlined by the National School Boards Association (NSBA). The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) encourages school boards to use this guide and the Key Works in their efforts to improve student achievement.

## Background & Resources

### *Standards & Instruction*

Fact Sheet	<a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-ac_std.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-ac_std.pdf</a>
Common Core State Standards	<a href="http://standards.dpi.wi.gov/ccss-community/ccss-comunity">http://standards.dpi.wi.gov/ccss-community/ccss-comunity</a>
Credits, Promotion, Graduation	<a href="http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/cal_8gr_algebra_hsgrad">http://cal.dpi.wi.gov/cal_8gr_algebra_hsgrad</a>

### *Assessment & Data Systems*

Fact Sheet	<a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-measure.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-measure.pdf</a> <a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-high_exp.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-high_exp.pdf</a> <a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-data_inf.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-data_inf.pdf</a>
Assessment in Wisconsin	<a href="http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment">http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment</a>
Tech Readiness	<a href="https://sites.google.com/a/dpi.wi.gov/sbac-readiness/">https://sites.google.com/a/dpi.wi.gov/sbac-readiness/</a>
WISEdash (public)	<a href="http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisedash">http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisedash</a>
WISExplore	<a href="http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisexplore">http://wise.dpi.wi.gov/wisexplore</a>

### *Educator Effectiveness*

Fact Sheet	<a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/sprntdnt/fs_edef.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/sprntdnt/fs_edef.pdf</a>
Orientation Video (5 minutes)	<a href="http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/tools/orientation-video">http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/tools/orientation-video</a>
Using Educator Effectiveness to Inform Human Resource Decisions	<a href="http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/files/ee/pdf/HumanResourceConsiderations.pdf">http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/files/ee/pdf/HumanResourceConsiderations.pdf</a>
System Purpose & Data Use	<a href="http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/files/ee/pdf/IB13_SystemPurposeDataUse.pdf">http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/files/ee/pdf/IB13_SystemPurposeDataUse.pdf</a>
District Tools	<a href="http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/tools/tools-home">http://ee.dpi.wi.gov/tools/tools-home</a>

### *School & District Accountability*

Fact Sheet	<a href="http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-accty.pdf">http://statesupt.dpi.wi.gov/files/statesupt/pdf/fs-accty.pdf</a>
Report Cards	<a href="http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/">http://reportcards.dpi.wi.gov/</a>
Accountability in Wisconsin	<a href="http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/accountability">http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/accountability</a>