

120B.36 SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY; APPEALS PROCESS.

Subdivision 1. **School performance report cards.** (a) The commissioner shall report student academic performance under section 120B.35, subdivision 2; the percentages of students showing low, medium, and high growth under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (b); school safety and student engagement and connection under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (d); rigorous coursework under section 120B.35, subdivision 3, paragraph (c); two separate student-to-teacher ratios that clearly indicate the definition of teacher consistent with sections 122A.06 and 122A.15 for purposes of determining these ratios; staff characteristics excluding salaries; student enrollment demographics; district mobility; and extracurricular activities. The report also must indicate a school's adequate yearly progress status, and must not set any designations applicable to high- and low-performing schools due solely to adequate yearly progress status.

(b) The commissioner shall develop, annually update, and post on the department Web site school performance report cards.

(c) The commissioner must make available performance report cards by the beginning of each school year.

(d) A school or district may appeal its adequate yearly progress status in writing to the commissioner within 30 days of receiving the notice of its status. The commissioner's decision to uphold or deny an appeal is final.

(e) School performance report card data are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the commissioner publicly releases the data. The commissioner shall annually post school performance report cards to the department's public Web site no later than September 1, except that in years when the report card reflects new performance standards, the commissioner shall post the school performance report cards no later than October 1.

Subd. 2. **Adequate yearly progress and other data.** All data the department receives, collects, or creates to determine adequate yearly progress status under Public Law 107-110, section 1116, set state growth targets, and determine student growth are nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the commissioner publicly releases the data. Districts must provide parents sufficiently detailed summary data to permit parents to appeal under Public Law 107-110, section 1116(b)(2). The commissioner shall annually post federal adequate yearly progress data and state student growth data to the department's public Web site no later than September 1, except that in years when adequate yearly progress reflects new performance standards, the commissioner shall post federal adequate yearly progress data and state student growth data no later than October 1.

History: 2003 c 129 art 1 s 9; 2004 c 294 art 2 s 5; 2007 c 146 art 2 s 11; 2009 c 96 art 2 s 13; 1Sp2011 c 11 art 2 s 8,9