Man on Street: So if I'm a member of my local school board, how do A-Through-F ratings help me make my schools and districts better?

Host: School board members have many responsibilities.

But there is a critical question that all school board members need to be able to answer to govern their school systems:

Is my district or campus getting better, getting worse, or is it about the same as it was last year?

So that board members can help their school system focus on continuously improving student outcomes…they should examine overall A-Through-F ratings…

As well as ratings in each of the three domains…student achievement, school progress and closing the gaps.

Each district and campus receives a numeric score in each of those domains on a zero-to-100 point scale…much like the traditional grading system you remember from school.

For example…90-to-100 is an A…80-to-89 is a B…and so on.

As a board member and member of your community, you hope that the numeric scores go up overall and in each domain year over year.

With A-through-F…board members can look at year over year changes in these numeric scores to assess district progress and determine whether any adjustments to district plans would be helpful to improve results for students.

Host:

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