

## **Commissioner's Charges for the Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) and the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

### **Purpose**

The committees will consider complex, technical issues to develop recommendations to ensure that the academic accountability system drives improved outcomes for all Texas public school students.

### **Scope of Work**

The committees will be responsible for recommendations for developing the new accountability system established by House Bill 22, assigning A–F ratings, awarding district and campus distinction designations, and transitioning from four performance indexes to three domains. The committees will also develop recommendations to help align the state and federal accountability systems.

Charges for the committees do not include the following:

- The Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) or School Improvement, although decisions made for the state accountability system will inform the development of these systems
- The design or content of statutorily-required performance reports
- The state assessment program, graduation policies, or curriculum policies
- Specific details of certain components needed for implementation of the system (e.g., campus pairing; appeals process; small numbers analysis)

### **Ground Rules**

- State accountability recommendations must be in compliance with agency interpretation of statute.
- Assume the state assessment program and state accountability system for 2018 will be implemented under statute that is currently in effect.
- To the extent possible, recommendations should cover the current rating year as well as the subsequent two years.

### **ATAC Member Duties**

Members of the ATAC are Texas public school educators who will work with TEA staff and national experts to develop recommendations or options related to the state academic accountability system. ATAC members may participate in one or more small work groups formed around specific topics. Members will also solicit comment on committee issues from peers within their geographic region.

### **APAC Member Duties**

The APAC will consist of educators representing campuses, school districts, and education service centers; legislative representatives; business and community leaders; representatives of higher education; and parents of children attending Texas public schools. In addition to providing guidance during the development process, the APAC will review final proposals from the ATAC and provide its responses to these proposals to the commissioner of education. The commissioner will make final accountability decisions in spring 2018.