



Issue Brief – District Data Verification

Background

Throughout the year, school districts receive assessment and accountability information that includes ACT results, graduation rates, end-of-course exam and TNReady results, and teacher evaluation scores. After the information is released to a school district, the LEA has a limited amount of time to review the information to ensure its accuracy before it is released to the general public. While the public should be made aware of the results in a timely manner, school districts must be provided with a reasonable amount of time to review the data for accuracy.

Further, school districts must have the ability to submit any corrections to the department of education before the data is released to the general public. The current timeframe only provides districts with a limited amount of time to submit corrections. In some cases, the data must be gathered from multiple sources and schools. Creating an established review window will provide districts with the opportunity to correct any mistakes before the information is released. Finally, the department of education should be required to verify with the school district that the LEA had the opportunity to review and correct any inaccurate data. This final step will ensure true accountability since both the state and LEA will verify that the information is correct.

TSBA Position - SUPPORT

TSBA urges the General Assembly to enact legislation that provides school districts at least fifteen (15) business days to verify and correct assessment and accountability information. Further, the Department of Education must verify with school districts that the information is correct prior to the results being publicly released.