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| **To:** | Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education |
| **From:**  | Russell D. Johnston, Acting Commissioner |
| **Date:**  | September 17, 2024 |
| **Subject:** | Report from the Massachusetts Accountability System Review Advisory Committee |

At the Monday, September 23, 2024 special meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (Board), Dr. Chris Domaleski and Dr. Carla Evans from [The National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment (Center for Assessment)](https://www.nciea.org/) will present on the work of the Accountability System Review Advisory Committee, including recommendations in the committee’s report, which will be released at the time of the special meeting. The special meeting is an opportunity for the Board to hear the presentation of the committee’s report and recommendations and engage in discussion. No votes will be taken.

**Background**

In fall 2023, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) invited representatives from stakeholder organizations across the Commonwealth to participate on a committee charged with identifying a set of guiding principles and recommendations for DESE to consider in its review of the district and school accountability system. The goal of the committee and its recommendations was to assist DESE in developing an improved measure of school quality that aligns with the [Educational Vision](https://www.doe.mass.edu/bese/docs/fy2023/2023-05/item7.1-educational-vision.pdf) and conforms to existing federal and state laws.

The committee met seven times from December 2023 to June 2024. Meetings were facilitated by Dr. Domaleski and Dr. Evans and supported by DESE staff. The final report, which includes the list of committee members, summarizes the committee’s discussions at these meetings and identifies recommendations that will inform DESE’s future work in this area.

Rob Curtin, Chief Officer of Data, Assessment, and Accountability, and Erica Gonzales, Associate Commissioner of Data and Accountability, will join Dr. Domaleski and Dr. Evans at the special meeting on September 23. We look forward to the discussion with the Board.