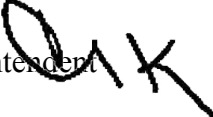


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TO: Local District Superintendents **DATE:** January 19, 2016
FROM: Michelle King, Superintendent 
SUBJECT: A-G COMPLETION AND GRADUATION—OUR TOP PRIORITY

As the newly appointed Superintendent, my top priority is ensuring that all students graduate and complete A-G requirements. The data currently shows that only 54 percent of students in the Class of 2016 are on-track to meet these standards. This percentage will likely increase in the coming weeks as a result of the constant monitoring, additional resources to schools, and ongoing credit recovery efforts you have coordinated. Nonetheless, if even one student fails to graduate, that is one too many—we cannot rest until every student graduates college-prepared and career-ready.

I have requested that Dr. Frances Gipson develop an action plan that identifies immediate steps, deadlines, and supports we will employ to significantly raise A-G completion for the Class of 2016 and beyond. (Please see the attached document). Key components of the plan include: notifying at-risk students and their parents about student progress towards graduation, working with them to implement their personalized plans for course recovery, and constantly monitoring A-G data. I will personally be monitoring progress data on a regular basis. We will continue to build upon this plan by incorporating promising practices from local districts and schools sites.

This is “all-hands-on-deck.” The journey to graduation begins in preschool, and every employee, at every level, is essential to achieve our goal. It is imperative that you continue to drive this work and to notify the Central Office if you encounter any challenges or need additional support.

Please know that your leadership is recognized and appreciated. Through our collaborative efforts, the percentage of students completing A-G requirements has risen steadily over the last few years. The road ahead will have obstacles, but by working together, I am confident that we can and will ensure that every student is prepared for the pathways that await them after high school.

Attachments (3)

c: Members, Board of Education
Cabinet Members
Principals