



New Jersey Department of Education



**Jersey City Public School District's Final
Report on the Transition to Local Control**

New Jersey State Board of Education Meeting

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The Transition Plan *(slide 1 of 2)*



- The District's Transition Plan for the Return of Local Control ("Transition Plan") became effective on October 25, 2018.
- The projected end date of the Transition Plan was October 25, 2020. Due to difficulties associated with the pandemic, the timeline for the completion of the Transition Plan was extended.





The Transition Plan *(slide 2 of 2)*



- How is progress under the Transition Plan measured?
 - By the quantitative metrics on the Accountability Scorecard; and,
 - By the qualitative observations and feedback of the Highly Skilled Professionals, Dr. Stephen Cowan and Dr. Alexis Colander.





The Accountability Scorecard *(slide 1 of 4)*



- The metrics on the Scorecard address the following areas:
 - Fundamental Considerations
 - Governance
 - Instruction and Program
 - Fiscal Management
 - Personnel





The Accountability Scorecard *(slide 2 of 4)*



- Pursuant to the Transition Plan, the Department partnered with an independent entity (the Bloustein Local Government Research Center of Rutgers University) to form a Comprehensive Accountability Office.
- The Comprehensive Accountability Office is responsible for collecting and publishing data that corresponds to the Scorecard and demonstrates whether the District is making “substantial and sustainable” progress on the metrics.





The Accountability Scorecard *(slide 3 of 4)*



- Five Scoring Categories:
 - Not Implemented (1 point)
 - Partially Implemented (2 points)
 - Substantially Implemented (3 points)
 - Fully Implemented (4 points)
 - Not Applicable (metric cannot be measured at this time or no longer applies)





The Accountability Scorecard *(slide 4 of 4)*



- 20 Metrics (25 scores because some metrics have more than one part):
- Summary of Scores:
 - 5 metrics were “fully implemented.”
 - 15 metrics are being “substantially met.”
 - 4 metrics are being “partially implemented.”
 - 1 metrics were “not implemented.”
 - 0 metrics are “not applicable.”



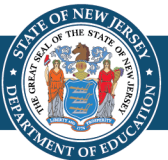


The Accountability Scorecard



In review of the documentation submitted by the district for the CAO's final report, the CAO concluded that:

- The district has implemented systems that demonstrate sustainable policies and procedures in nearly all applicable areas.
- There continue to be areas for improvement, primarily in the indicators concerning fiscal reporting. The District continues to put in place additional policies and procedures to insure continued progress.





The Report of the Highly Skilled Professionals



- The report is based on the observations and interactions with the District through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- The report complements the Comprehensive Accountability Office's report by providing anecdotal information and/or addressing sections of the Transition Plan that are not on the Scorecard.
- The report concludes that the District is developing and improving internal controls that support sustainability and successful implementation of the Transition Plan.

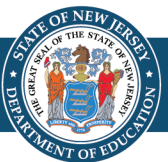




Commissioner's Recommendation



Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.6, the Commissioner has the authority to determine whether the District successfully implemented the Transition Plan and to recommend to the State Board the District's withdrawal from intervention and full return to local control.





Questions?



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