

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date: February 12, 2021

II. Item Title: Discussion and Possible Action on Tier Levels in the Academic Performance Framework

III. Executive Summary:

PEC will discuss and take possible action on the Tier Levels in the Academic Performance Framework, based on the review and discussion during the work session.

The **Tier Levels** in the PEC Charter Performance Review and Accountability System, which is the first attachment to the Charter Contracts since 2018, were determined prior to the establishment of the point system for the NM System of School Support and Accountability that replaced the NM A-F School Grading System. Both systems are based on 100 points but are very different scales and, therefore, the Tier Levels need to be reviewed to determine if the outcome is as intended. Detailed examples of Tier Levels based on both versions (2018 and 2019) will be presented and discussed at the work session.

Further, it should be noted that the 2018 and 2019+ contracts have different requirements related to mission goals. Schools that signed the 2018 version of the contract had mission goals as optional and only one (1) school include them. Schools that signed contracts beginning in 2019 had to include at least one (1), and no more than two (2), mission goals. As a result the Tier Levels are determined differently with each version. However, schools on the 2018 version may elect to switch to the 2019 version simply by notifying PEC via the Division. The details will be transferred from the 2018 to the 2019 version and a meeting will be scheduled for the school, PEC, and staff to meet, review, and then sign.

For 2020-2021, there are

- six (6) schools¹ on the pre-2018 version, which have academic (rather than mission) school goals and do not contain Tier Levels;
- 11 schools² on the 2018 version, which includes Tier Levels but has optional mission goals and only one of these schools included mission goals;
- 35 schools³ on the 2019 version, which includes Tier Levels and one (1) or two (2) mission goals.

¹ Five (5) of these schools were approved for renewal by the PEC and will be on the 2019 version of the contract, effective July 1, 2021. The sixth school was not approved for renewal and is pending appeal.

² One (1) of these schools was approved for renewal by PEC and will switch from the 2018 version to the 2019 version, effective July 1, 2021.

³ One (1) of these schools was approved pending budget approval by PEC and, if approved for renewal, will sign a new contract. It will be the same version since the school was on a short contract from its last renewal and is already on the 2019 version.