

HILLSDALE DESIGNATED A HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICT!

Beginning last year, the Department of Education established a differentiated review for districts that were designated as high performing in accordance with the QSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum). Districts receiving an 80 percent or greater in all five QSAC areas; underwent a differentiated review of key indicators to determine whether they were eligible to apply for an equivalency of the administrative code requirements.

The department continued this process for the 2015-16 school year, and since the Hillsdale Public School District is currently designated a high performing school district (scores above 80 percent in the five QSAC areas of instruction and program, fiscal management, governance, operations, and personnel) we were eligible to apply for an equivalency waiver that would extend our State Board certification for an additional three years.

As the first step of the eligibility determination process the Hillsdale School District was measured against 23 QSAC indicators. It was determined that our district met these criteria and was eligible to move on to step 2 of the process to gain a three year extension of our certification. Step 2 required the district to complete a self-assessment, known as the QSAC Statement of Assurance.

I am happy to announce that the Hillsdale School District has received confirmation that we have satisfied the eligibility requirements by first being designated as “high performing” and then meeting the required number of indicators in each of the five mandated QSAC areas. Therefore, we are in the process of completing the QSAC Equivalency Application, which will be reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent. This approval will then be forwarded to the State Department of Education’s QSAC office, where they will review the documents and forward them for processing. Once all criteria is approved, the district will receive an approval letter, which will extend the Hillsdale School District’s QSAC certification as high performing for an additional three years.