

# Appendix A – Acknowledgments

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Representatives from legislative offices, school districts, and the business community were invited to participate in resolving issues critical to the accountability system. The APAC met in March and November 2012 and March 2013 to review the recommendations made by the ATAC. The APAC either endorsed the ATAC's proposals or recommended alternative proposals which were forwarded to the commissioner.

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