

Appendix A – Acknowledgments

2015 Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Representatives from districts and regional education service centers (ESCs) met in December 2014 and February 2015 to make recommendations to address major policy and technical issues for 2015 accountability.

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2015 Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC)

Representatives from legislative offices, school districts, and the business community met in January and February 2015 to review the recommendations made by the ATAC. The APAC either endorsed the ATAC's proposals or recommended alternatives which were forwarded to the commissioner of education.

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