

School Accountability and The Achievement Gap: Ensuring Black Minds Matter

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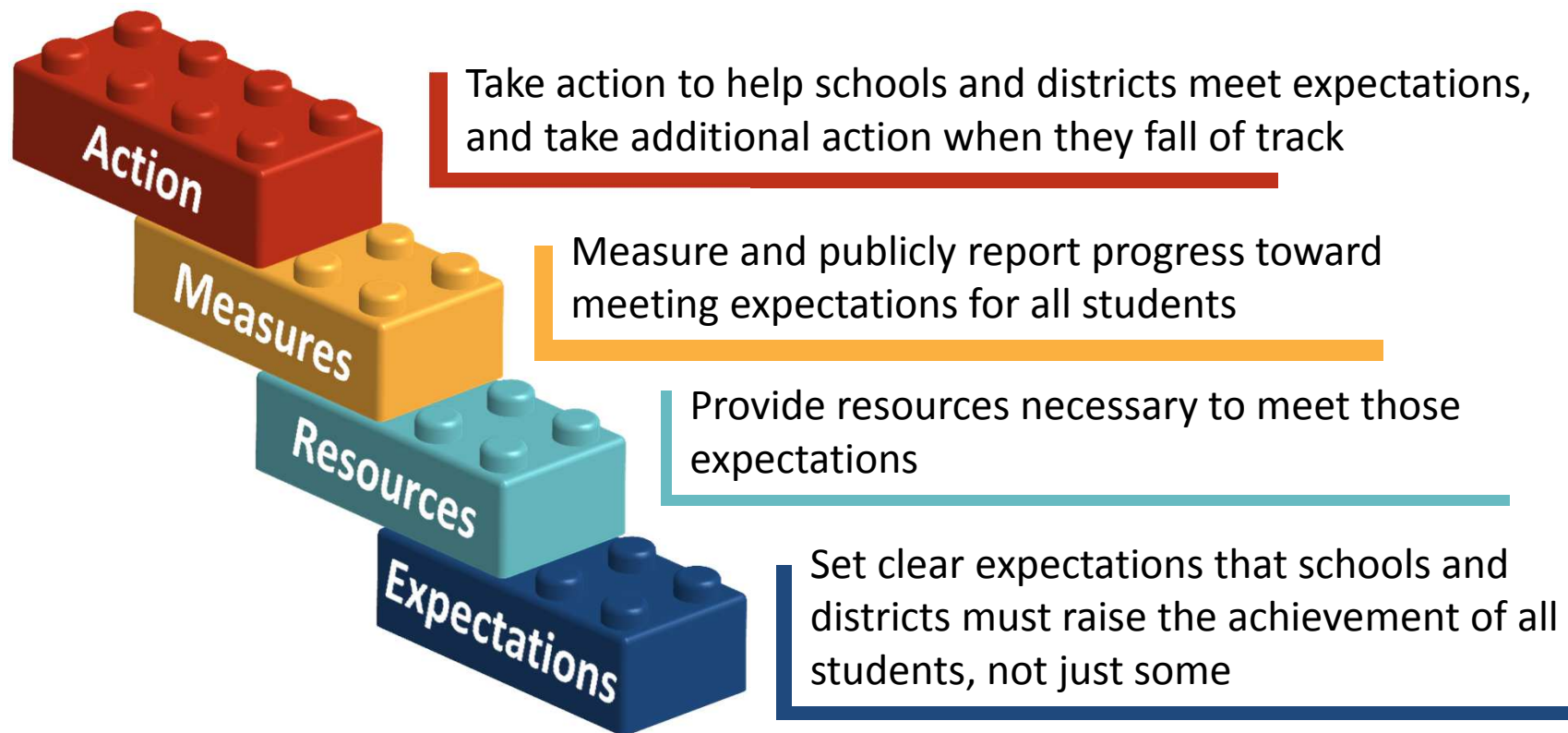
What is an education accountability system?

- A comprehensive and multi-faceted system of expectations, resources, monitoring, supports, and more
- A way to hold schools, districts, educators, and students responsible for results
- A way to ensure that every child has access to an equal, equitable, and quality education



Strong State Accountability

The building blocks for an equity-focused school accountability system



Our Changing Accountability System

Old

California standards written
in the 90s
California Standards Tests



New

New California standards (Common
Core, Next Generation Science)
Smarter Balanced Assessments

No Child Left Behind
❖ Adequate Yearly Progress
❖ Program Improvement



Every Student Succeeds Act
❖ State-designed accountability plan
❖ Gap-closing goals
❖ Bottom 5%

Old system of categorical
grants and compliance



Local Control Funding Formula
❖ More equitable and flexible funding
❖ Local Control & Accountability Plans
❖ Evaluation Rubrics
❖ California Collaborative for Education
Excellence

How California's Accountability System Can Help Close Achievement and Opportunity Gaps

- ✓ SET GOALS
- ✓ MONITOR PROGRESS
- ✓ ENSURE TRANSPARENCY
- ✓ OFFER SUPPORTS
- ✓ INTERVENE WHEN NECESSARY

A Whole-System Focus Can Ensure We Address Opportunity and Achievement Gaps

We have 8 state priorities...

Student achievement

Parent & family engagement

Student engagement

Basic services

Other student outcomes

Implementation of Standards

School climate

Access to courses

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...and Multiple Levels of Accountability:

State

County Offices of Education

Local School Districts

Key Policy Issues

- The **Academic Performance Index** was suspended in 2014 and 2015. Budget trailer asks for it to be suspended in 2016 too.
- ESSA requires that each state submit a **state plan** for accountability by around Jan 2016.
- The State Board of Education must adopt **Evaluation Rubrics** by Oct 2017.

What ETW Believes We Need in a New Accountability System

- High goals and gap closing targets
- Displays of school and district performance that prominently show information on subgroup performance
- Meaningful differentiation of schools
- Supports and interventions that are targeted to areas of need



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