

NJQSA Equivalency Process for High Performing School Districts

We are please to provide this information with regard to Avalon School District's NJQSAC process. By way of review, NJQSAC (New Jersey's Quality Single Accountability Continuum) is the Department of Education's monitoring and evaluation system for public school districts. QSAC evaluates districts through a single comprehensive accountability process that consolidates and incorporates the monitoring requirement of applicable state laws and programs and complements federally required improvement. Through QSAC, districts are monitored according to five components that, based on research, have been identified to be key factors in effective school districts: Instruction & Program, Operations, Governance, Fiscal, and Personnel.

This year, the NJDOE's has revised and streamlined the QSAC process for select districts. We received notification that a sate review of our district's submitted DPRs (District Performance Review) in each of the five QSAC areas has resulted in designation as a "High Performing District." Avalon School District is eligible for an equivalency application, which waives completion of an extensive District Performance review by our Department of Education County Office. Public comment on this proposal and process was provided at the Board of Education meeting held on December 16, 2105. The district will continue to submit the Statement of Assurances as state mandates until the next scheduled state monitoring date, maintaining its high performing status for the next three years. We plan to use the time and resources provided through the equivalency application process to support our continued best practices in the five key areas mentioned above. Finally, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of all our district staff: administration, instructional, support and building and grounds personnel, the Board of Education, our students, and school families as well as the support of our community for their contributions to this well-earned designation.