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## **PDE RELEASES NEW FUTURE READY PA INDEX**

The PA Department of Education (PDE) developed the [Future Ready PA Index](#) (Index) as the new, public-facing public school report card and has recently released the 2018 data.

The Index captures all federal accountability measures required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - academic achievement, academic growth, high school graduation rate, English learner progress toward proficiency, chronic absenteeism, and career readiness – and also utilizes the online dashboard to update the public about a broader, more comprehensive array of school-level indicators.

The Future Ready PA Index indicators are divided into three main categories: 1) State Assessment Measures; 2) On-Track Measures; and 3) College and Career Measures. Each has a set of sub-indicators. These indicators are measured against three goals: the overall statewide 2030 goal, 13 interim targets for the intervening years, and an assigned individual school target. The individual school target is based on: 1) the state's 2030 all-student goal; 2) school-level baseline data; and 3) the 13 years between baseline and 2030.

For each indicator, school performance is depicted using one of three color-coded ranges:

- BLUE = Meets or exceeds statewide goal
- GREEN = Meets statewide interim or school target
- RED = Does not meet either the statewide interim or the school target

Performance comparisons between current and previous data are demonstrated by 1) an upward arrow meaning an increase from previous data, 2) a circle meaning no substantial movement, and 3) a downward arrow meaning a decrease from previous data.

In addition to school accountability indicators, the Index includes “School Fast Facts” and “District Fast Facts.” On the search page, one can compare schools by selecting the boxes of those schools which appear at the far right then clicking “Compare.”

### **For More Information**

For more information on every aspect of ESSA, visit PSEA's [ESSA Resource Page](#), specifically [Future Ready PA Index](#) and the [Pennsylvania Department of Education's ESSA webpage](#). PSEA members should contact the UniServ Representative for specific questions about the Future Ready Index. General questions from PSEA members may be directed to Brad Hull ([bhull@psea.org](mailto:bhull@psea.org)) in PSEA's Education Services Department.