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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter Holders, Principals, and Testing Coordinators

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DATE: May 20, 2014

SUBJECT: **Arizona State Board of Education Adopts 2014 A-F Letter Grade Accountability System**
(REF: ACCTY14-3)

This memorandum is to inform you that the State Board of Education has voted on the following items regarding the 2014 A-F Letter Grade Accountability System presented at the May 19th meeting:

- 1) New A-F Letter Grade Substantive Appeals process
- 2) Incorporate College and Career Ready Index (CCRI) graduation rate component only for all high schools in FY2014 which necessitates the following:
 - a. Maintain traditional high school letter grade scales
 - b. New alternative high schools model
 - c. Set alternative point scale for all alternative schools

This means that all traditional schools – high school and elementary – will defer to the 2013 point scale below in 2014 as well. High school and elementary alternative schools will use a set point scale based on the 2012 distribution scale. The CCRI Graduation component will compose 15% of the alternative high school letter grade.

Traditional	
Letter Grade	Points
A	140+
B	120-139
C	100-119
D	0-99

Alternative	
Letter Grade	Points
A-ALT	167+
B-ALT	132-166
C-ALT	97-131
D-ALT	0-96

Future A-F workshops via webinar will be announced as soon as possible. One A-F workshop will be offered at the Arizona Department of Education on Friday, May 23; however, seating is limited and participants must RSVP via the ADE events calendar.

