

**Quality Assurance Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**November 19, 2007**

**Attendance:** Chairwoman Thompson, Commissioners Powell, White and Elliott; President Garcia; Board Staff L. Dunsmoor; District Staff J. Silvers, M. Patterson-Grant, C. Holloway, G. Sullivan, J. Carlisle.

Chairwoman Thompson convened the meeting at 6 p.m.

**End-of-Year Accountability Report**

Dr. Silvers presented data included in the End of Year Accountability Report for 2006-07. The 2006-07 accountability report included information on New York State testing in English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. The data also included attendance and suspension figures. Information was provided for Grades 3-8.

***Committee discussion points:***

- The focus should be on replicating successful programs and initiatives while being careful of a “one-size-fits-all” approach.
- The sheer demographics of some schools put them in much greater peril of meeting performance standards.
- The District/Board should look at equitably distributing special education and English Language Learner students so that those students -- and schools -- can be successful.
- The Board should investigate how it can best advocate at the state and federal level for the benefit of students and District.

**Project 2006 Report**

Dr. Silvers presented data on Project 2006, which is a group of students that the Board began tracking when those students entered ninth grade for the first time in 2002. Just a hair less than 54 percent of the students in that group graduated in four years. Another 25 percent were still in district schools but had not graduated. The report distilled several considerations that have been discussed by QA over the years, including the effects that grade retention, suspension, and attendance have on students’ prospects for graduation. Chairwoman Thompson pointed out that these are large issues, and she will working with Quality Assurance members to define a focus for the committee so that it can impact student achievement through policy recommendations and advocacy.

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 10, 6 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Commissioner White. Second by Commissioner Thompson. Adopted at 7:50 p.m.