VOTE: Which of the following proposed pathways do you support for the Gateway category?

- Option C: Remove Gateway Measures and Separate MGP by Grade Band
- Option B: Remove Gateway Measures

Do not make any changes to Gateway Measures in the SY 2019-20 technical guide

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Write any additional comments or concerns regarding this Task Force Meeting below.

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There are other key reasons to drop the gateway measures that I didn’t raise during the meeting – there is a severe jump in difficulty in the common core reading standards going from 2nd to 3rd … which is fine, and it’s a good thing, it’s just that we don’t also need the added pressure from the accountability framework when it’s already included in the all student PARCC outcomes metric.

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We oppose the shift in CLASS weights to weighing instruction more heavily, especially for schools that also offer grades assessed on PARCC where more reliable student level academic data are available. Currently, CLASS is part of the Environment domain, not the academic performance or growth domain. It isn’t logical to weigh the instructional component of CLASS more heavily under the Environment domain; that isn’t the goal of this domain. Additionally, there has been a lot of discussion about flaws in the current CLASS observation process; shifts in weighting given those issues is especially problematic. We recommend maintaining the current CLASS weighting (distribute CLASS points equally across all 3 CLASS domains). Also concerned about using Growth to Proficiency given that we only have one year of data in DC; would like to see more substantive long-term conversation about goal/intent of gateway going forward before committing to a new metric for it.

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While the proposal to redistribute weights for CLASS domains in PK only scorecards is one that is intended to address unfavorable correlations with specific populations and inconsistency across the framework. I urge us to consider the goal of the sector and to allow the gateway measure to become a measure of our performance as a sector against this goal. Early Childhood Academy PCS does not agree with the reapportioning of the weight of CLASS measures so that Instructional Support counts three additional possible points than the other domains on all scorecards.

Option A: Replace Gateway with Growth to Proficiency

Please stop with the marginal changes. CLASS should remain the same until there is a need to change it. This feels like too much tinkering! Same goes with gateway. Let’s keep it the same for 19-20 and come up with a new model (or remove it entirely) once we are ready. We need the next 6 months to work through the gateway options.

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