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Dear Mr. Parsi,

Thank you for your inquiry to Ed Croft. I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

A PowerPoint presentation outlining the school grade calculation for high schools is available at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/ppt/HSAccountability.ppt>. A more in depth explanation can be found at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/pdf/1011/SchoolGradesTAP2011.pdf>. The system by which Florida identifies and intervenes in low performing schools is managed by the Bureau of School Improvement (<http://www.flbsi.org/>). If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us again.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ace Parsi [mailto:aparsi@all4ed.org]  
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Dear Mr. Croft:

My name is Ace Parsi and I am a policy and advocacy associate at the Alliance for Excellent Education. Our organization's mission is to promote federal policy that better supports states, districts, schools, and teachers as they prepare their students for success in college, career, and life. One area that we've been paying a great deal more attention to recently are the waivers the Department is granting to states and the proposals states are submitting to receive waivers. Specifically, we are interested in learning and drawing out best practices on state plans to develop more effective state accountability systems. We want to see whether in the case of high schools, states are exercising their flexibility to get new indicators in evaluating high school success (such as college attendance and success; AP, IB or advanced course taking; dual enrollment credits; college entrance exams; career readiness indicators; etc) and what is the system by which states will identify and intervene in low performing schools or schools that are failing to adequately serve specific subgroups. If you could send me any information or set up time to talk about these issues, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you for all your efforts and we look forward to being in touch in the future.

All the best,

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