



**Department
of Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

October 13, 2016

VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Robert Jennell
Southwest Licking Local
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Dear Superintendent:

This letter informs you of the statutorily required sponsor evaluation ratings and your overall rating for the 2015-2016 school year. The overall rating is based on three equally weighted components: academic performance, adherence to quality practices, and compliance with all applicable laws and rules. A copy of your overall rating is enclosed, and the details of each rating are available to view in Epicenter.

Based on the scores for each component, Southwest Licking Local received an overall rating of **POOR**.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3314.016(B)(7)(c), sponsors receiving ratings of "poor" shall have their sponsorship authority revoked. The revocation will not occur until the appeal process is finished. You may appeal this rating within 30 days after receiving the rating by filing a notice of appeal with the State Board of Education.

Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the superintendent of public instruction appoints an independent hearing officer to conduct the hearing in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. The hearing is conducted within 30 days of the notice of appeal. Within 45 days after the hearing is completed, the State Board of Education shall determine whether the revocation is appropriate based on the hearing conducted by the independent hearing officer, and if determined appropriate, the revocation shall be confirmed. A sample notice of appeal is enclosed.

If you do not timely appeal this finding or the SBOE confirms the revocation of your authority, the Ohio Department of Education's Office of School Sponsorship will assume sponsorship of the schools you sponsor for the remainder of the school year.

Correspondence to Southwest Licking Local (Jennell)

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Please feel free to contact the legal department at 614-466-4705 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paolo A. DeMaria". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a distinct "A" and "D".

Paolo DeMaria
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Enclosures

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2015-2016 Overall Sponsor Rating for Southwest Licking Local

Overall Sponsor Rating

2

POOR

Sponsor Rating	Points
Exemplary	10-12
Effective	7-9
Ineffective	3-6
Poor	0-2

Academic Performance



COMPONENT RATING

0

F

The **Academic Performance** component looks at several important measures of student success in sponsors' schools including academic achievement, student growth, early literacy, graduation and how well students are prepared for college, careers and life.

Report Card Grade (for Equivalent)	Dropout Recovery Report Card Rating	Points
A	Exceeds	4
B		3
C	Meets	2
D		1
F	Does Not Meet	0

Compliance



COMPONENT RATING

2

Effective

The **Compliance** component asks whether sponsors are compliant with all relevant laws and rules and whether sponsors are monitoring their schools' compliance with laws and rules.

Compliance Rating	Points
Exemplary	4
Effective	2
Ineffective	0

Quality Practices



COMPONENT RATING

0

Significantly Below Standards

The **Quality Practices** component compares sponsors' processes against best practices such as strategic planning, staff capacity, contract development and oversight of schools.

Overall Quality Rating	Points
Exceeds Standards	4
Meets Standards	3
Progressing Towards Standards	2
Below Standards	1
Significantly Below Standards	0

A sponsor can score no better than "ineffective" if it receives 0 points in any component. If a sponsor scores 0 in any two components, then the overall rating is "poor."

SPONSOR EVALUATION
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Please complete this form and file it with the Ohio Department of Education if your sponsor evaluation rating is poor and you want to appeal the action. The sponsor must file this Notice of Appeal with ODE within 30 days of the ratings being issued on October 13, 2016 (i.e. **November 12, 2016**).

If you do not file a Notice of Appeal within this time period, ODE will not act on your appeal and the Office of School Sponsorship will assume sponsorship of your schools.

Within 30 days of filing this Notice of Appeal, you must file all documents with ODE that you desire to submit in support of your appeal. In order to avoid delay in the processing of your appeal, you are encouraged to submit all documents in a single package.

If you require more than 30 days to obtain supporting documentation, you may request an extension by filing a Request for Extension form with ODE before the expiration of this 30-day deadline.

You will be notified of the date and time of your appeal hearing by mail.

Sponsor Name:

Please send it to:

Ohio Department of Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Attn: Legal Department