



**Department
of Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Dr. Lonny J. Rivera, Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction

March 1, 2016

Dear Chairman Jordan and Members of the Sunset Review Committee:

As you carry out your charge to review the necessity of continuing the existence of boards and commissions, I appreciate the opportunity to provide some background on the status of the Straight A Program Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee was required by temporary law in House Bill 59 of the 130th General Assembly, the main operating budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal biennium. Its purpose was to review the Straight A Program and advise the Straight A Program Governing Board and the director of the Governor's Office of 21st Century Education.

The language authorizing the Advisory Committee was not continued in H.B. 64 for the current biennium. By not keeping the authorizing language, the General Assembly has effectively caused the committee to sunset.

The Ohio Department of Education agrees with the legislature's decision. The elimination of the Advisory Committee will not impact the work of the Straight A Program, and I respectfully request that the elimination be permanent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Lonny J. Rivera". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Lonny J. Rivera
Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction