



To: Members of Ohio Senate Education Committee
From: The Ohio 8 Coalition
Re: Statement on Senate Bill 216 N-Size provision
Date: March 6, 2018

The Ohio 8 Coalition is opposed to the provision of Senate Bill 216 that suggests an increase from ten to 30 as the minimum number of students ("N-size") in a group for student performance data to be reported. The Ohio 8 believes the number should remain at ten for the following reasons:

1. This is about equity. An N-size of 10 helps to ensure not only school districts but also the State of Ohio remain accountable to student subgroups such as those students with special needs including traditionally underserved student populations, including African American, Latino, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Asian students; English learners; and students from low- income families. This is particularly important for school districts with larger and more diverse student populations where there is a disproportionate representation of student subgroups.
2. An n-size of 10 helps to ensure all districts must be accountable for each student subgroup (and individual students within that subgroup) to best address the identification and delivery of appropriate intervention services for subgroup students.
3. An n-size of 30 captures some, but not all students, in a subgroup, which may allow districts to circumvent the intention of the n-size requirement by not serving, or under-serving students within each subgroup.
4. An n-size of 10 will allow Ohio to accumulate more specific data about a subgroups' needs, leading to more targeted state interventions to support schools where these students are enrolled especially when it comes to guiding improvements in critical areas such as the achievement gap and English proficiency.
5. An n-size of 10 is aligned with Ohio's approved ESSA plan.