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Every Student Succeeds Act Background

The **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** was signed into law December 10, 2015 replacing No Child Left Behind and the waiver system. ESSA is the national education law that reinforces the longstanding commitment to ensuring equal opportunity for all students. The ESSA provides New Mexico with a long-term stability that holds states, local school systems and schools accountable for results while encouraging them to be innovative in their work. New Mexico is well-positioned to transition to meet the law's new expectations. Under the new law, New Mexico will continue to focus on many of the same areas including efforts to build upon our student-focused accountability system and provide our educators with the support and training they need.

Stakeholder Engagement

ESSA provides New Mexico the opportunity to re-engage with students, educators, district leaders, families, and the community for input on how to continuously refine our system to better support our teachers and students. The Public Education Department will be convening working groups throughout the summer and fall of 2016 to ensure we provide an innovative plan for all children, based on New Mexico's existing education foundation.

The Public Education Department will also co-host regional community meetings throughout the state this fall to solicit input from the community to contribute to the development of New Mexico's plan to support schools and student learning. Meetings will be hosted in the following communities on the following dates:

- October 12th – Gallup
- October 14th – Farmington
- October 17th – Santa Fe
- October 18th – Albuquerque
- October 27th – Roswell
- November 15th – Las Cruces

Community meeting sessions, times, and addresses will be announced in September 2016, and additional opportunities for engagement will be announced later this fall. Community meetings will include multiple opportunities and open houses to engage:

- Teachers, school and district administrators
- Parents and families
- Community, tribal and civic leaders
- State and local elected officials
- School boards

Community meeting dates and locations will be announced in September 2016. Additional opportunities for engagement will also be announced later this fall.

ESSA Transition and Implementation

State flexibility waivers from NCLB expired on August 1, 2016. Under ESSA, states and districts are expected to continue interventions through the 2016-17 school year. The requirements of ESSA go into effect in the 2017-18 school year, and new state plans will be due in Spring 2017.

Future Updates

Stay tuned for information about how you can sign up for email updates regarding ESSA. For more information, please contact Amanda Aragon at Amanda.Aragon@state.nm.us or (505) 629-6604.

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