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Idaho's Consolidated Plan

Timeline and Progress Report, August 10, 2017

All states must submit a Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Education in order to receive funding for disadvantaged students. The State Department of Education is committed to developing a plan that reflects the priorities and needs of the students and educators of Idaho.

Idaho's Consolidated Plan describes how the state will use its allocated federal funds to support districts and schools serving disadvantaged children, including how the State Department of Education will help improve Idaho's lowest performing schools. The State Department of Education receives about \$82 million in federal support tied to ESSA, compared with \$1.68 billion from the state's general fund. Idaho's plan, if approved by the U.S. Department of Education, would take effect in the 2017-18 school year.

Ongoing

- The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) is continuing its pursuit of the [Governor's Education Task Force recommendations](#) and the strategic plans of both the SDE and OSBE. Therefore, many activities required under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are already underway in Idaho, and for these activities significant adjustment will not be necessary. For example:
 - SDE will continue to look for ways to provide increased autonomy for district spending, including Title I and Title II funds.
 - Standards implementation will continue, including support from our talented content coaches.
 - SDE will continue to administer and improve upon most existing supports to districts, teachers, and students.

What's happened so far?

December 2015-March 2016

- SDE staff became familiar with the ESSA law.
- Core Plan Leadership Team were formed.
- Workgroup committees were formed and SDE leads were identified (see SDE's Consolidated Plan webpage).
- External stakeholders were identified and assigned to workgroup committees.
- Communication strategies and timelines developed

March-September 2016

- After initial input, workgroups were restructured to mirror the structure of the consolidated plan:



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- Consultation and Coordination
 - Challenging Academic Standards and Academic Assessments
 - Accountability, Support, and Improvement for Schools
 - Supporting Excellent Educators
 - Supporting All Students
- The Accountability Oversight Committee (AOC), a subcommittee of the Idaho State Board of Education (SBE) drafted a framework for Idaho's statewide accountability system. Most elements of the proposed framework—which will be used to develop Idaho's accountability system—were approved during the [August 2016 State Board meeting](#).
 - SDE gave feedback to the USDOE on its proposed regulations for some sections of the law, including planning and accountability and assessment.
 - SDE continued to meet regularly internally and with stakeholders to develop the first draft consolidated plan.

October 2016

- SDE gave feedback to the USDOE on proposed regulations for assessment.
- SDE finished its draft plan in late October and began seeking feedback. The plan is posted on the SDE website along with a form for input.

November 2016

- SDE held public feedback forums across the state of Idaho to get feedback on the draft plan.
- SDE incorporated feedback given during the month of November.
- SDE released a second draft plan which is posted on the SDE website along with a form for continued input.

December 2016

- SDE continued to receive and incorporate feedback where appropriate to the draft plan.

January – February 2017

- SDE awaited guidance from President Trump's new administration related to the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- The federal administration removed previously-approved regulations regarding accountability and educator effectiveness and released an updated consolidated plan template.

March 2017

- SDE modified its draft plan using the new template.



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April 2017

- SDE will post its draft plan using the new template for feedback.

May 2017

- SDE will host five additional public feedback sessions either virtually or in-person. Information will be posted on the SDE website.
- SDE will continue accepting online feedback via our online platform.

June 2017

- The revised draft plan was reviewed at the June State Board of Education meeting.
- The plan was open for an additional 30-day public comment period.
- SDE made additional changes to the plan based on board and public feedback.

July – August 2017

- The final plan was approved by the State Board of Education in August.
- The final plan was signed by Board President Dr. Linda Clark and Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra.

What will happen next?

August 2017

- The plan will be submitted to Governor Otter for review and optional signature.

September 2017

- The SDE will submit the final plan to US Department of Education.

All current posted information can be found on the [Idaho State Department of Education's ESSA webpage](#).