



MEMORANDUM:

TO: Superintendents, Title I Program Administrators, Title II, A Contacts, and Title III Program Administrators

FROM: Jeff Barber, Director
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SUBJECT: 2016-2017 IDOE Federal Monitoring Overview

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The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) requires that states carry out monitoring of Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to ensure the proper administration of federal funds. In order to oversee local implementation of education requirements under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (including NCLB requirements), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is conducting monitoring for the following federal grants: Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; and Title III, Part A.

Updated Uniform Grant Guidance (UG) now requires IDOE to evaluate risk of noncompliance for all LEAs to determine the appropriate federal monitoring (fiscal, programmatic or desktop). Previously, LEAs were chosen for monitoring based on a cycle rotation; however, this will no longer be the process. LEAs will now be evaluated annually for risk using the following criteria: Application Quality, Fund Management, IDOE Monitoring Findings and Monitoring History. As required by UG, LEAs will be selected for an IDOE federal monitoring based on the results of the evaluation, but not all LEAs will receive a monitoring.

Beginning with SY 2016-2017, IDOE will notify each LEA that is selected for a fiscal, programmatic or desktop monitoring one month prior to the monitoring due date with specific directions.

Programmatic on-site monitoring will begin with *selected* LEAs in October, fiscal on-site monitoring will begin with *selected* LEAs in November and desktop monitoring for *selected* LEAs will begin in February.

In addition, several helpful tools and resources for the Title programs have been posted on the Learning Connection at www.learningconnection.doe.in.gov.

Learning Connection Communities where monitoring information has been posted (see the “2016-2017 IDOE Federal Monitoring” folder):

- IDOE – Title I
- IDOE – Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality and Effectiveness
- IDOE – Title III and NESP (English Learners)

Thank you for your attention to the updated monitoring process.