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TO: Title I, A Program Administrators

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SUBJECT: 2020-2021 school year Title I Schoolwide Plan Approval Process

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has implemented a process for Title I schools transitioning from their current Targeted Assistance (TAS) model to a schoolwide program for the 2020-2021 school year. To be approved for schoolwide status, schools must submit an electronic Assurance of Schoolwide Plan. The assurance must be completed by Friday, June 12, 2020, prior to submission of the 2020-2021 Title I Application.

Under ESSA, LEAs now have greater fiscal flexibility regarding supplement not supplant and schoolwide programs for Title I funding under Title I, Part A. **Increased flexibility under ESSA has allowed <u>all</u> schools regardless of poverty to have access to a schoolwide program as long as it meets the needs of the lowest achieving students in the school.**

IDOE will post a list of approved schools updated every Friday until June 19, 2020 at http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/schoolwide-programs. **Approval will not be given individually to schools, instead LEAs must check the website to verify approval.** Plans should not be submitted for review, but must be available for review in the case of either a desktop or onsite monitoring visit by IDOE.

CSI schools interested in schoolwide approval **may use their School Improvement Plans** to meet a majority of the requirements for the schoolwide program Comprehensive Needs Assessment. In order to be able to utilize this flexibility, these school improvement plans would need to be finalized by the **June 12, 2020** deadline.

A Title I-served school Targeted Assistance School is eligible to become a schoolwide program if the following criteria are met:

- Developed the comprehensive plan in consultation with the district, its school support team, and any technical assistance provider, if applicable

- Developed the comprehensive plan with the involvement of parents and other members of the community to be served and individuals who will carry out such plan including teachers, principals, administrators, and if appropriate, pupil service administrators, technical assistance providers, school staff and students (if this is a secondary school)

- Made the plan available to the district, parents, and the public Ensure that all required statutory components are included in the plan

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Additionally, the LEA must ensure that:

- Technical assistance and guidance were provided to the school regarding the development and implementation of the schoolwide plan
- The comprehensive plan was developed in consultation with the district, its school support team, and any technical assistance provider, if applicable
- The comprehensive plan was developed with the involvement of parents and other members of the community to be served and individuals who will carry out such plan including teachers, principals, administrators, and if appropriate, pupil service administrators, technical assistance providers, school staff and students (students must be included if this is a secondary school)

- All services provided by Title I in the schoolwide plan will be supplementary to services that are required to be provided by the school
- All statutory schoolwide requirements have been met for this school
- The LEA will review, monitor and evaluate the schoolwide program annually for effectiveness (EDGAR 200.328)

The assurance must be completed by Friday, June 12, 2020. **Please note: this form is only required for schools that have recently completed their year of planning and will become schoolwide programs for the first time in 2020-2021.**

Any questions can be answered by your Federal Grants Specialist, or by going to https://www.doe.in.gov/grants/schoolwide-programs or additional information. For https://form.jotform.com/200425389578969assistance finding your federal grants specialist, please go to https://www.doe.in.gov/grants