



MEMORANDUM:

TO: Superintendents, Title I Program Administrators, Title IIA Contacts, and Title III Program Administrators

FROM: Jeffrey J. Coyne, Director of Federal Relations & Grants Management, Monitoring and Reporting

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Cycle Monitoring Overview

DATE: January 27, 2015

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 consolidated cycle monitoring for the following federal grants: Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; and Title III, Part A.

Plus, **new for school year 2014-2015**, as required by the U.S. Department of Education to be in compliance with ESEA Flexibility Waiver rules, the IDOE must monitor LEA implementation of the Indiana Academic Standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics (IAS 2014), which falls within the Desktop Monitoring Cycle.

Each LEA is assigned to one of three cycles over a three year period. The three cycles consist of Fiscal Monitoring Cycle, an On-Site Monitoring Cycle, and a Desktop Monitoring Cycle. Please note that while *all* LEAs assigned to the Desktop Cycle are monitored during their assigned year, not all LEAs assigned to the Fiscal or On-Site Cycle are monitored during their assigned year. **Only a sampling of LEAs are selected for Fiscal or On-Site each year.**

Prior to each monitoring cycle commencing, the LEAs assigned to that particular cycle (or in the case of the Fiscal or On-Site Cycle, those "selected") will receive a memorandum from IDOE. The memorandum will provide details related to the specific cycle to which the LEA is assigned.

Please see the attached 2014-2015 Cycle Monitoring Assignment List to view your LEA's cycle assignment.

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 cycle monitoring information has been posted (see the “*Cycle 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 consolidated cycle monitoring process.

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