Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Stakeholder Committee
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December 14, 2017
9:30 – 11:30 AM
State Board Room

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. ESSA Updates
   - The MSDE had a call with USED on Tuesday with feedback on Maryland’s Consolidated State Plan
   - Timeline: The MSDE must respond by December 27th
     - MSDE goal is to meet deadline by Friday December 22nd
   - Two documents of peer review are included— for Title I, Part A, Title III, and McKinney Vento— these are suggestions and information but do not require responses
   - The U.S. Department of Education letter contains “Items that require additional information or revision in Maryland’s Consolidated State Plan” which are the items Maryland must address. Items were discussed and comments from the committee included:
     - Many are comments asking for clarification/further information— not necessarily anything that needs to be changed
     - Letter and Peer Review documents can be found at: https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/md.html
     - Comment— it will be very important to link what the standard setting does with what the Kirwan Commission is doing
     - Climate Survey— USED questioned how MD will combine the three surveys (student, parent, and educators). The MSDE does not plan to survey parents in the first year to ensure validity and reliability— rollout in the first year will allow communication between LEAs and parents to provide more information to improve parent response rates.
     - Comment— there was an increase in response rate for Special Education survey when they explained to parents how the information would be used.
     - Comment: Split readiness for Post-Secondary Success— eliminate credit for well-rounded and redistribute those 10 points among academic and put 9th grade on track in academic (USED considers on track 9th grade an SQSS)
     - Comment: can we look at the access piece in SQSS through demographic lens?

III. Support to Effective Educators (Title II, Part A)
   - See attached PowerPoint
   - Comment: Kirwan Commission is also looking at induction and needs to know the ESSA elements

IV. Other
   - Please send any comments to Mary Gable
   - The MSDE is internally creating an implementation/action plan

V. Future meetings
   - February 22, 2018
   - April 26, 2018
   - June 28, 2018

Note: All meetings are 9:30 – 11:30 in the State Board Room at MSDE

Charge for the ESSA Stakeholder Committee:
   - Provide guidance to the transition from ESEA to ESSA
   - Provide recommendations for the Superintendent and the State Board on Maryland’s ESSA Plan