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TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Karen B. Salmon, Ph.D. *KBS*
DATE: July 18, 2017
SUBJECT: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Update

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the feedback the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) has received on Maryland's Draft Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan.

BACKGROUND/HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

The MSDE published the second draft of the ESSA Consolidated State Plan for comment on June 29, 2017. The draft, accompanying survey, and an overview will be available for public comment through August 10, 2017. This feedback will be provided to the State Board for discussion and final approval at the August 22, 2017 meeting. The final Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on or before September 18, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As of July 10, 2017, the MSDE has received 56 responses. Of these responses, the majority are parents (32.14 percent) and teachers (28.57 percent). Anne Arundel County (16.36 percent) and Montgomery County (10.91 percent) have the largest share of representation. The survey asks content specific questions about each section of the plan. Some preliminary responses show support for measuring schools on interim progress (36.67 percent); a high need for a State approved online teacher preparation program (50 percent); a desire to provide a weekly flexible schedule with built-in collaboration time for teachers (72.73 percent); support to include exited English Language Learners for two years (38.10 percent); and support for the overall plan (70 percent). The MSDE will provide more updated feedback on the day of the State Board meeting.

ACTION:

Information only