



Federal Program Monitoring and Support Updates April, 2016

LOCAL EQUITY PLANS

As you are aware, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) submitted its State Plan to Ensure Equitable Access to Excellent Educators (Equity Plan) on June 1, 2015. North Carolina's plan was approved by USED on November 18, 2015. Since teacher hiring and assignment decisions are made by local school districts and principals, districts and schools that receive federal Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A funds must revise existing Equity Plans as necessary to ensure that economically disadvantaged and minority students are not taught at higher rates by ineffective teachers. District equity plans should be driven by local data collection including teacher effectiveness ratings and may include results of the Teacher Working Conditions Survey and the Annual Report on Teachers Leaving the Profession. Local equity plans will be uploaded into the web-based grants management system, the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP) as a part of the application for formula funds beginning in the fall of 2016. NCDPI will review local equity plans and provide feedback as necessary as part of the funding application and approval process. Through cooperative assessment of local equity plans between the State and LEAs, the quality of instruction to students will be strengthened and improved.

To view NC's approved Equity Plan, please go to: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/titleIA/equity-plan/>.

CCIP TRAINING SESSIONS

CCIP will open for 2016-17 funding applications on May 1, 2016. Face-to-face training sessions are still available for May 24, and May 26. All sessions will be conducted from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in Room 564 of the Education Building located at 301 N Wilmington Street in Raleigh. Priority for registration will be offered to new directors. Registration information will be provided in a separate email soon. To register for a session, please [fill it out in Google Forms](#).

SUPERINTENDENT'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

NCDPI is requesting nominations for local parents to join the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (SPAC). The SPAC is established to examine important processes, policies, and initiatives and to ensure that the needs of parents and their families are included as decisions are made in the State. The SPAC is comprised of parent representatives from various communities across North Carolina. At least two meetings will be held each school year at the call of the Superintendent. Additional meetings may be called as needed for stakeholder input.

If you have parents in your school community that you would like to nominate, please submit nominations and contact information to Donna.brown@dpi.nc.gov.



ESSA PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

The first public input session on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Five additional sessions are scheduled for April and May. Please share the document attached to the email for distribution in your school and community to help broaden the awareness that the opportunity for public comment will be available.

APPLICATION ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS

In order to support federal funding application planning for 2016-17, you are invited to register for a one-on-one meeting with regional Federal Program Administrators on May 18 or May 19, 2016. Please sign-up for a meeting in a location and date that is most convenient for you. The following chart lists dates, venues, and the contacts for the meetings.

Service Area	Appointment Date	Location	Contact
North Central	05/19/16	Roanoke Rapids City Schools 536 Hamilton Street Roanoke Rapids, NC	Rhonda Muhammad
Northeast	05/18/16	Pitt County Schools 400 Spruce Street Greenville, NC	Kenneth Kitch
Northwest	05/18/16	Caldwell County Schools 1914 Hickory Blvd. Lenoir, NC	Talbot Troy
Piedmont-Triad	05/19/16	WS/Forsyth County Schools 475 Corporate Square Drive Winston Salem, NC	Sue Hatley
Sandhills	05/18/16	Cumberland County Schools - ERC 396 Elementary Drive Fayetteville, NC	Elaine Ellington
Southeast	05/19/16	Onslow County Schools - Annex 200 Broadhurst Road Jacksonville, NC	Melissa Eddy
Southwest	05/19/16	Kannapolis City Schools 100 Denver Street Kannapolis, NC	Freda Lee
Western	05/18/16	Francine Delany New School 119 Brevard Road Asheville, NC	Vanessa Nelson-Reed