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Title I, Part A
What School Districts Need to Know About the
Every Student Succeeds Act

What key changes should I be aware of?

1. LEAs will be required to develop and submit a consolidated ESSA plan to DPI. The plan must reflect DPI's state plan and requires input from community stakeholders as well as staff from within the LEA. DPI will be submitting the state plan on September 18, 2017.
2. Schools with less than 40% low income students will be eligible to apply for a waiver from DPI to operate as schoolwide programs beginning in the 2017-18 school year.
3. Wisconsin will need to identify two new sets of schools - Comprehensive Support schools (based on low overall performance and Targeted Support schools (schools with achievement gaps or low subgroup performance). Those schools will first be identified in the 2018-19 school year.
4. ESSA requires each state to designate an Ombudsman, who will ensure equitable participation for private schools. Additionally, the Ombudsman will be responsible for notifying each private school of their equitable share.

When does this go into effect?

Provisions of Title I go into effect in the 2017-18 school year according to the law. DPI just received guidance and regulations from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to further clarify timelines. DPI will provide LEAs information once further guidance is provided from the ED. We are currently waiting to see the extent to which the new administration will change guidance and regulations put forward under the Obama administration.

What do I have to do right now?

If a Title I targeted assistance school is considering to implement a schoolwide program in the 2017-18 school year, the school should begin the schoolwide planning process. More information about the schoolwide planning process and application can be found on the [Title I and Schoolwide Programs website](#).

Is there anything I will need to do this fall?

LEAs should start thinking about their existing consultative processes to see what needs to be adjusted to be in compliance with any altered or new requirements (see the [“Consultative Processes Required under ESEA checklist”](#)).

How will I be updated about things I need to know?

Stay tuned to www.dpi.wi.gov/esea for all the latest information. If anything needs your immediate attention we will e-mail you directly.

Who do I contact with Questions?

[Title I and School Support Team](#) or 608-267-3721