



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable Susan Bunting
Secretary of Education
Delaware Department of Education
The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901

September 29, 2017

Dear Superintendent Bunting:

I am writing in response to Delaware's request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on September 1, 2017 to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Under ESEA Section 1111(A)(6)(B)(i), if a State makes any significant changes to its plan at any time, such information shall be submitted to the Secretary in the form of revisions and amendments to the State plan.

I have determined that the amended request meets the requirements in the ESEA and, for this reason, I am approving Delaware's amended State plan. A summary of the Delaware's amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as Delaware's revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department's website. Any further requests to amend Delaware's ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of Delaware's consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Delaware's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for all of the work that the Delaware Department of Education has put into your consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you need any assistance regarding the implementation of your ESEA consolidated State plan, please contact Dr. Tiffany Forrester of my staff at: OSS.Delaware@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jason Botel
Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Michael S. Watson, Chief Academic Officer, Associate Secretary of Education
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Amendment to the Delaware Consolidated State Plan

The following is a summary of Delaware's amendment request. Please refer to the Department's website: <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/de.html> for Delaware's complete consolidated State plan.

- Targeted Support and Improvement (ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(C)(iii))

Delaware will identify annually consistently underperforming schools using their accountability system index. The State will rank all subgroup index scores in a single list for each of two years (e.g., one list for 15-16 and one list for 16-17). Then, the State will identify:

- 1) Five percent of schools with the lowest overall performance in each year and
- 2) Schools that appear on the list for each of the two years for the same subgroup.

Additional targeted support schools will be identified from among the consistently underperforming schools described above. Delaware will identify any schools that have an identified subgroup, that on its own, would have led to the school being identified as a CSI-lowest performing five percent of schools (i.e., any school with a subgroup that falls at or below the threshold on the State's accountability index for CSI identification). This identification will happen every three years.