ESEA Reauthorization: “Every Student Succeeds Act”

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ESEA Reauthorization Review

AGENDA:

• **Background:** ESEA Reauthorization

• **Timeline**

• **Key Provisions of “Every Student Succeeds Act”**

• **Questions, Answers & Discussion**
Status and Background

• ESEA/NCLB reauthorization eight years overdue

• Conference Committee convened in Nov. 2015 to hash out Senate and House differences

• November 19th – Committee voted 39-1 in favor of compromise bill (Oregon Rep. Suzanne Bonamici votes in favor)

• House and Senate votes 1st week in December; Pres. Obama signed into law Dec. 10th
Key Takeaway – Local Control

• “This agreement, in my opinion, is the most significant step towards local control in 25 years…” Sen. Lamar Alexander, Senate Education Committee Chair

• “The proposal…is expected to keep some of the NCLB law’s measures…like continued annual testing in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school…But otherwise, states would be handed the car keys when it comes to almost everything else…” Education Week reporter Alyson Klein
Major Changes from NCLB

• Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and 100% proficiency – eliminated
• State ESEA waivers – eliminated
• School Improvement Grants (SIG) – eliminated
• Prescriptive school interventions – eliminated
• Highly Qualified Teacher mandates – eliminated
• Role of Secretary of Education – greatly curtailed related to testing, evaluations and standards
Key ESSA Dates

• Authorization Period – Fiscal Years 2017-2020 (four years)

• 2016 – Existing State Plans and Waivers go through August 1

• 2016 – USDOE rulemaking; ODE workgroups

• 2017-18 School Year – New State Plans and Accountability Systems must be in place
Key Oregon Dates**

**from ODE

- 2015-16 School Year – ODE convenes workgroups and stakeholders to draft state plan
- 2016-17 School Year – Transition year for Oregon and ODE. Rulemaking, guidance, OARs, legislative proposals if needed
- 2017-18 School Year – Implementation of State Plans/Accountability Systems; professional development and technical assistance available from ODE
Every Student Succeeds Act – Key Accountability and Assessment Provisions

• States choose math and reading standards with testing in grades 3-8 and once in high school; science tested once in elementary, middle and high

• State may approve other assessment for high school (ex. SAT/ACT)

• 95% participation for all students and subgroups
Every Student Succeeds Act –
Key Accountability and Assessment Provisions

• States set own goals/plans that USDOE approves

• Plans must address 1. Proficiency on tests, 2. Student growth, 3. English Language proficiency and 4. Graduation rates

• Plans must also address a new metric related to “School Quality and Success”

• ELL accountability shifts from Title III to Title I
Every Student Succeeds Act –
Key Funding Provisions

• Title I – no portability and no changes to funding formulas

• Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provision continues at 90%

• Old law governs formula grant programs through 2016-17 school year

• Title II funding more reflective of student poverty; expected to help smaller/rural districts
Every Student Succeeds Act – Key School Improvement Provisions

• Every 3 years states required to identify: 1. Bottom 5% of Title I schools, 2. High Schools w/grad rates below 67% and 3. Underperforming Subgroups

• State approves district improvement plans; sets goals and exit criteria

• Title I SIG grants gone, replaced with Title I school improvement set aside increase to 7%
Other Key Items

• State and Local Report Cards Remain Same
• Role of Education Secretary Ambiguous
• Test scores not required for teacher evaluations; Oregon impacts? (SB 290)
• 95% testing mandate remains; states can allow “opt out” and decide repercussions for falling below threshold
• Rulemaking at USDOE
• 4 workgroups at ODE: Standards; Accountability; School Improvement; Educator Effectiveness
Questions and Answers:

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