



# Vermont ESEA Flexibility Waiver Discussion

January 30 & 31, 2012 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

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# Welcome and Introductions

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Welcome! Thank you for taking the time to join us today.

The purpose of today's meeting is to invite your comments and questions on the Vermont ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request.

Today's presenter is John Fischer, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of Education.

We invite you to submit comments and questions throughout the session using the CHAT box in the lower right corner.



# Meeting Agenda

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3:15 – 3:25	Welcome and Introductions
3:25 – 3:35	The ESEA Flexibility Waiver
3:35 – 3:45	Vermont's Flexibility Request
3:45 – 4:05	Questions and Answers
4:05 – 4:15	Additional Information and Next Steps



# ESEA Waiver: Description

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- ▶ ESEA Flexibility is premised on STATE leadership moving toward college and career-ready policies in standards, assessments, accountability, supports, and educator evaluation, including the Principles on Next-Generation Accountability.



# Next Generation Accountability Principles

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- College and career-ready performance as an anchor;
- Annual accountability determinations for all public schools and districts based on college and career-ready student outcomes;
- Continued commitment to disaggregation for accountability and reporting;
- Timely, transparent, and accessible data reporting;
- Richer data analyses and diagnostic reviews to guide delivery of a range of supports and interventions;
- Dramatic interventions in the priority schools and those with the low performing subgroups; and
- A focus on innovation, evaluation, and continuous improvement.



# ESEA Waiver: Vermont Discussions

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- ▶ VT DOE with State Board of Education and Governor's Office since August
- ▶ Waiver Design Team convened with wide membership
- ▶ Regular updates to educators, principals, superintendents, curriculum coordinators, school board members and more.....
- ▶ Weekly summary of Design Team progress to State Board, Governor's office, Legislative Education Committees



# Vermont Waiver Request: Primary Focus

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- ▶ All children enter kindergarten ready to learn.
- ▶ All children have strong foundations in reading and math when they enter 4th grade.
- ▶ All students have a personalized learning plan.
- ▶ All students graduate with the credentials they need to pursue college/career directions of choice.



# Vermont Waiver Request: Contents

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- ▶ Administering a statewide assessment in grades 4, 6, 8 and high school.
- ▶ Closing achievement gaps for students and sub groups
- ▶ Developing annual progress reports for all schools.
- ▶ Providing differentiated support and intervention for schools with the highest percentages of high-need students
- ▶ Adding a fifth model for new School Improvement Grant
- ▶ Replacing Highly Qualified Teacher requirements
- ▶ Establishing a statewide continuous improvement cycle



# Vermont ESEA Waiver Request: Q&A

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# Vermont ESEA Waiver: Next Steps

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- ▶ Final Modifications
  - ▶ Submit to US ED by February 21
  - ▶ Negotiations likely through early April



# Vermont ESEA Flexibility Waiver: Additional Information

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For a copy of the waiver request, please go to :

[http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_esea.html#comment](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_esea.html#comment)

You can submit a question or comment about the waiver request via email to: Jill Remick ([jill.remick@state.vt.us](mailto:jill.remick@state.vt.us))

Responses to questions will be included in the FAQs document on the Department website. Follow the link above.



# Thanks for your participation!

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Invite your colleagues to watch the session to learn about the Vermont ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request.

