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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: Should VT apply for grant funding to evaluate state (State Longitudinal Data System) and LEA-level (Local Comprehensive Assessment Systems) assessment systems?		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: ESSA authorizes funds for states and LEAs to audit their state and local assessment systems with the goal of eliminating unnecessary assessments and streamlining assessment systems.		
Solution being proposed:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont is currently engaged in developing a Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS). Vermont’s Education Quality Standards (EQS) also requires that LEAs develop Local Comprehensive Assessment Systems (LCAS). The state should apply for this federal funding to support the development and implementation of those systems when that funding becomes available. 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below:		
<i>Equity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SLDS and LCAS will house data driving initiatives directed at reducing equity gaps in student outcomes, and at creating state and local-level systems supporting more equitable education models and practices. 		
<i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQS Section 2123 requires the development of State and Local Comprehensive Assessment Systems. This grant would help Vermont meet that requirement. SLDS and CLAS data will be used to frame EQS-required Education Quality Reviews targeting systemic school and LEA improvement. 		
<i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This solution wouldn’t create any duplicative systems or processes. 		
<i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This funding would enhance work that the SEA and LEAs are already engaged in, and required to complete. Any additional implementation burden associated with the terms of this grant would be covered under the grant. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no risks associated with this proposed solution. 		
What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution?:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal support for the state and LEAs in meeting an EQS requirement Funding for the development of systems that would support Education Quality Reviews and local and state level action planning. 		
Secretary’s Decision	Date: 10/14/16	Initials:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team <input type="checkbox"/> Reject recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team and offer the following as an alternative:		