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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: Do we want LEAs to use a consolidated application for formula grants through a web-based platform?		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: Preferred as a way for LEAs to use funds in a braided fashion		
Solution being proposed:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formula grants will be consolidated in a single web-based platform application for all LEAs 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below:		
<i>Equity:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An LEA has the ability to see all funds available to meet their goals. 		
<i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEAs are already consolidating formula funds through a web-based platform, so this recommendation would be a continuation of current practice. 		
<i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of funds allows for expedited granting for LEAs and meets federal fiscal and program requirements. 		
<i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidation of formula funds through a web-based platform is straight-forward. The AOE and the field both have familiarity with and knowledge of the platform. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Known: None • Potential: If there was a change in platform away from our current web-based platform, this could lead to a large learning curve for the LEAs and the AOE. 		
What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A separate web-based platform application will also be used for competitive grants, allowing for a common format for both. • With all formula funds in one application, it is easy for LEAs to braid funds to achieve LEA and school goals. • All formula grants would be consolidated in one place facilitating ease of review and tracking of expenditures. 		
Secretary's Decision		Date: 7/22/16 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:		