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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: What improvement supports should the AOE provide LEAs and what improvement supports should LEAs provide schools?		
<p>What ESSA requirements need to be met?:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ reserve funding to develop and deliver a statewide system of technical assistance, professional learning, and support for LEA’s school improvement efforts ○ administer grant application and approval process and monitor implementation ○ support LEA improvement activities through awards and direct service provision ○ differentiate improvement activities that utilize evidence-based interventions in support of meeting state long term goals ○ monitor progress of comprehensive and targeted schools, based on exit criteria described in state accountability plan, and take appropriate action following unsuccessful implementation of plans ○ determine alternative evidence-based strategies that may be applied by LEAs to assist school improvement efforts • LEA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ for each school identified by the State and in partnership with stakeholders (including principals and other school leaders, teachers, and parents), as in need of comprehensive or targeted improvement, to develop, implement, support, and monitor comprehensive support and improvement plans, or targeted support and improvement plans, to close achievement gaps, ensure high-quality education for all students, and ensure that student achievement in challenging academic standards. These plans must: be aligned to current state accountability plan; apply evidence based practices/interventions; include a needs assessment; address resource inequities; and describe in detail (the provisions in Sec.1112 of ESSA). 		
<p>Solution being proposed:</p> <p>AOE to LEAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer an opportunity to participate in an Integrated Field Review process designed to support implementation of the Education Quality Standards, and to provide opportunities to visit higher performing, and/or improving systems. • Provide guidance and technical assistance in needs assessments and root cause analyses. • Provide guidance and technical assistance on the development and implementation of Continuous Improvement Plans. • Provide opportunities to apply for funding to support Continuous Improvement efforts aligned with identified need. • Provide research on effective, high-leverage practices to inform decision making. • Provide networking opportunities with other SUs/SDs/Schools. • Provide guidance and technical assistance for implementing a continuous improvement framework to ensure quality education to all students. <p>LEA to Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support and guidance related to participation in Integrated Field Reviews. 		

