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PENNSYLVANIA IDENTIFIES SCHOOLS FOR SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT

On December 13, 2018, the Pennsylvania Department of Education releases its list of schools receiving Title I funds that will receive comprehensive or targeted support as required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In 2015, Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and titled the new law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA requires states to build an accountability system for all public schools and local education agencies.

Title I schools identified by the Department with the greatest need for schoolwide improvement supports will receive Comprehensive Supports and Interventions (CSI) as will any high school that graduates less than 67% of its students. In addition, other schools will receive Targeted Supports and Interventions (TSI) to reduce achievement gaps among specific student subgroups.

The accountability system that identifies both CSI and TSI schools includes the following indicators:

- Student proficiency on state standardized tests
- Student growth as measured by state standardized tests
- Growth toward proficiency for English learners
- High school graduation rate
- Chronic student absenteeism
- Student career readiness

A school designated by the Department as receiving CSI or TSI must develop a school improvement plan and implement school improvement strategies that are likely to improve student outcomes as measured by the accountability criteria. Employers must include educators in the school improvement planning process. PDE will provide a comprehensive network of support and assistance that includes: leadership coaching; on-site technical assistance, professional learning communities, guidance on use of school improvement funding, annual monitoring of plan implementation and impact, professional development, and school improvement partner development.

PSEA is prepared to support members and local leaders who work in schools identified for CSI or TSI.

For More Information

For more information regarding accountability under ESSA, visit PSEA's [ESSA Resource Page](#). For specific questions about ESSA implementation in a particular school or district, including educator participation in the school improvement planning process, PSEA members should contact their UniServ Representative. PSEA members with general questions about ESSA or about the PA accountability system should contact Brad Hull (bhull@psea.org) in PSEA's Education Services Department.

