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James Lane

Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
United States Department of Education (USDE)
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Lane:

Please accept the attached amendment to West Virginia's approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. On this same date, we will post this amendment for public comment to end on June 22, 2022. At the close of that comment period, we will communicate any action resulting from the comments received to the USDE Office of State and Grantee Relations (SGR).

Summary of Changes

The revisions in this amendment are technical in nature resulting from organizational changes and the COVID-19 impacts on learning. Attached, you will find a red-line version of revisions as follows:

- Page 12 – changes “General Education Diploma (GED)” to the generic “high school equivalency diploma” to accommodate periodic changes in the state’s testing vendor.
- Pages 13-14 & 90-92 – revises the Long-Term Goal for Academic Achievement to redefine the timeframe for goal attainment. The same target calculation would be utilized but the baseline year will be changed to 2020-2021 and the goal attainment year will be 2035-2036. This extension will not apply to the Long-Term Goals for Graduation and ELP.
- Page 26 – adds clarification to the definition of a Career and Technical Education (CTE) completer.
- Pages 37-38 & 43-44 – updates school year implementation for various levels of school improvement interventions to coincide with newly identified cohorts using 2022-2023 data.

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- Page 40 & 44-45 – removes reference to a support resource (statistical neighbors) which is not long supported by the WVDE's data management system.
- Pages 41-44 – revises the terminology "Standards for High Quality Schools" to "Standards for Effective School" which is aligned with terminology change in West Virginia Board of Education Policy.
- Page 42-44 – updates procedural language to match current operating procedures of the WVDE's School Improvement Unit.

Should you have any questions as we continue through the approval process, please contact Melanie Purkey, Federal Programs Officer, mpurkey@k12.wv.us or 1-833-627-2833. We look forward to working with your staff during the review of this amendment.

Sincerely,



W. Clayton Burch
State Superintendent of Schools

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Attachment