



COLORADO
Department of Education

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan Development

August 4, 2016

Overview

- **Signed into Federal law on December 10, 2015**
- **Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), replaces the No Child Left Behind Act**
- **ESSA establishes broad policy requirements for states and school districts:**
 - Academic Standards
 - Aligned Assessments
 - School Accountability
 - School Improvement
 - Teacher Quality
- **Creates programs and provides funding to support state and local implementation of the requirements**

ESSA State Plan



- **To access ESSA funds, Colorado must submit an ESSA State Plan in March or July, 2017**
- **ESSA plan will describe Colorado's current system and any plans to change it**
- **Extensive stakeholder consultation requirement**
 - ESSA listening tour and events – ESSA Feedback Report
 - Hub committee and working groups



Hub and Spokes

- **Under the guidance of the State Board of Education, CDE will use a hub/spoke committee structure for ESSA plan development**
 - A formal, central hub committee will have oversight role in the development of a draft of our state plan to be submitted to the state board in early 2017
 - ESSA topical spoke committees will be responsible for developing and appropriately vetting sections of the state plan
- **Spoke Committees**
 - Standards
 - Assessment
 - Accountability
 - Effective Instruction and Leadership
 - School Improvement Committee
 - Title Programs and Assurances Committee
 - Stakeholder Consultation



USDE Proposed ESSA Rules

- **Proposed rules regarding ESSA accountability, reporting, and state plans**
 - Comments were submitted on August 1
 - CDE submitted comments where it believes proposed rules went beyond Secretary's authority and/or contained unworkable requirements
 - USDE has 120 days to finalize and release
- **Proposed rules regarding assessments and assessment pilot**
 - Comments due September 9
 - CDE currently reviewing



ESSA in Colorado

- CDE has not identified any ESSA requirements or provisions that will *require* legislative change in Colorado at this point
- CDE has identified areas that will necessitate amendments to state board rules
 - Example: Adding school quality indicator to school performance frameworks
- May need to reconcile ESSA requirements, state board policy, and state legislation regarding assessment participation and accountability



ESSA in Colorado

- **Together with stakeholders, CDE is reviewing decision points and requirements that must be addressed in Colorado's ESSA State Plan**
- **CDE's goal is to have an initial draft of its ESSA plan completed by October, 2017**

