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News from Acting Secretary King and ED

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Dear Colleague:

Responding to calls from stakeholders across the education system to provide clarification in key areas of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) -- particularly those essential to the equity and excellence goals of ESSA and to protecting the civil rights of students -- the Department began the process of negotiated rulemaking last month in two areas of Title I, Part A: student assessments and supplement not supplant requirements. And, it will begin shortly the regulatory process on state accountability systems and reporting, submission of state plans, and Title I, Part B innovative assessment demonstration authority. While the Department will continue to seek input on where guidance and technical assistance would be helpful, it does not plan to propose regulations on any other areas of the new law this year.

There will be numerous opportunities for stakeholders to engage in the regulatory process. Along with the regulations currently under development through negotiated rulemaking (in fact, reflecting conversations from the first negotiating session, new materials -- including draft regulations -- will be posted soon on the [ESSA web site](#) for the negotiating committee to review and discuss), the public will be invited to comment on the Department's draft regulations on accountability and reporting, state plans, and innovative assessments later this year. The Department will also provide guidance and make additional technical assistance resources available beginning this summer.

We greatly appreciate the thoughtful feedback and suggestions thus far from individuals and groups and look forward to a continuing conversation on how we can work together to help ensure every student is ready to graduate from high school and thrive in college and careers. Please continue to direct questions about the ESSA to ESSA.questions@ed.gov.

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