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NEBRASKA RECEIVES INITIAL ESSA FEEDBACK

Nebraska has received initial feedback on the state's proposed Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan. The U.S. Department of Education is requesting additional or clarifying information as part of the approval process, which the state submitted Sept. 22, 2017. The response from the federal department identifies areas that it says need to be addressed for the plan to ultimately be approved.

"We had a very positive and productive conversation with members of the U.S. Department of Education regarding adjustments to our state plan. I believe the feedback shows we submitted a strong plan that met most of the ESSA requirements and I believe we will be able to adequately respond to all of the questions," said Nebraska Commissioner of Education Matthew Blomstedt.

The feedback focused on areas where Nebraska needs to clarify information on the details of the plan. The Commissioner shared with federal officials that Nebraska's ESSA plan is bolstered by the unique efforts of the State Board's vision for accountability and guided by their Strategic Vision and Direction.

Nebraska Department of Education staff have already started examining the feedback and will submit a revised plan after the New Year.

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