Memorandum

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Re: ESSA

January 6, 2017

An informal informational zoom meeting was held with the Committee of Practitioners and Federal Program staff concerning Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and it’s alignment with State goals.

Attached is the Power Point information that was shared at this meeting.

Committee Members attending the meeting were: Renae Hyde, Bob Uhing, Eileen Barks, Tara James, Tina Forte and Federal Program Staff ; Diane Stuehmer, Matt Heusing, Terri Schuster, Brooke David, Beth Wooster, Brad Conner, Karen Hardin, Jan Handa, Kim Larson , Cathy Mohnike, Sue Henry, Sharon Katt and Deb Romanek.

Concerns voiced by the committee members were:

* How Title I-A, Title II-A and Title IV funds will be dispersed. Suggestions were made to Consort funds so that smaller rural schools would be able to utilize those funds effectively.
* The committee discussed making the Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (Title I funds 7 % set aside) a multi-year grant. Specifically 3-5 years,
* How Nebraska’s ESSA Plan will align with A Quality Education System for Students (AQuESTT)?
* The members recommended forming a committee to align the various requirements for the two school improvement systems.

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Additional information and discussion will be included in the March 21, 2017 meeting in Hastings.