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**CORRECTION:** The e-mail address to send feedback is [ade.essacomments@arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.essacomments@arkansas.gov).  
The e-mail address has been corrected below.

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### Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System

The first draft of the Arkansas Accountability System plan is available online at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa/first-draft-aprill-24-2017>.

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act, which replaced the No Child Left Behind Act, states are given the opportunity to develop an accountability system that best measures their students' academic performance. The Arkansas Department of Education announced efforts to develop Arkansas' plan in August 2016. Since then, ADE held 10 community listening forums around the state and administered numerous surveys seeking feedback. The Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System Steering Committee meets monthly to provide input regarding the development of Arkansas' plan, and multiple ambassadors around the state have collected input.

ADE continues to collaborate with stakeholders to obtain input and feedback, which will be added to the first draft. A second draft will be posted online May 15 for public comment, with final submission to the U.S. Department of Education in September.

Input regarding the first draft can be e-mailed to [ade.essacomments@arkansas.gov](mailto:ade.essacomments@arkansas.gov). When reviewing the draft, please consider the following questions.

- What clarification is needed in the draft?
- What supporting information or additional details will make the plan more informative?
- How can the sections of the draft be more cohesive?
- What changes to the draft will help the public better understand the plan?

To learn more about the development of the Arkansas Accountability System, visit <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa>. To review previous feedback, visit the Stay Informed Archive webpage

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