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Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System

As we develop the Arkansas Accountability System under the Every Student Succeeds Act, we want to ensure that all stakeholders stay informed of the progress. Below are new updates about the process.

Timeline

The U.S. Department of Education extended the timeline for submission and implementation of the accountability system. The new deadline for states to submit their accountability plan to the U.S. Department of Education is September 18, 2017. Upon approval, the plan will be fully implemented in the 2018-2019 school year. This is good news for Arkansas, as this extended timeline allows Arkansas to have three years of ACT Aspire data before full implementation.

Advisory Teams

We have continued our efforts to seek feedback from numerous stakeholder groups. Since our last message, advisory teams representing five topic areas have been meeting to provide input on Arkansas' plan. To learn more about the advisory teams, visit <http://bit.ly/2oEJpTV>.

Steering Committee

The Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System Steering Committee continues to meet each month. Meeting agendas, presentations, minutes and videos are available on the ADE website at <http://bit.ly/2bPQ1fP>. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 26, 2017, in the ADE Auditorium. The agenda for the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting and can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/28Lv8fE>. The meeting also will be live streamed at <http://bit.ly/1DMPinN> and recorded for posting on the Stay Informed Archived page: <http://bit.ly/2bPQ1fP>.

Draft Plan

Draft sections of Arkansas' plan will be posted on the ADE website by the end of April and will be online for 30 days. A revised plan will be posted mid-May and will be online for 30 days. When the draft is posted, we strongly encourage all stakeholders to read the plan and provide feedback.

As we transform Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education, your collaboration is essential. Stay informed. Let your voice be heard!

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