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Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System

Happy New Year! This is an update on the Vision for Excellence in Education and the development of the Arkansas Accountability System. Since our last notification, the timeline for submission and implementation of the accountability system has been extended. 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 the state to have three years of ACT Aspire data before full implementation.

Previous Activities

- The Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System Steering Committee met in August, September, October and November. If you would like to know what happened at each meeting, the presentations and videos are archived on the ADE website at <http://bit.ly/2bPQ1fP>. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. January 25, 2017, in the ADE Auditorium, Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock. The agenda for the meeting will be posted prior to the meeting and can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/28Lv8fE>. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can view the live stream at <http://bit.ly/1DMPinN>. Future meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month.
- Ten regional community listening forums were held around the state. At the forums, ADE team members presented information and gathered feedback from stakeholders. The feedback is available at <http://bit.ly/2bPQ1fP>.
- In addition to these forums, several ambassadors hosted community listening forums. Feedback from each of these forums is available at <http://bit.ly/2cYnRvn>.
- Surveys were conducted to obtain additional feedback from stakeholders. Survey results are available at <http://bit.ly/2bPQ1fP>.
- Advocates for students will be reviewing the Arkansas Accountability System through the lens of student subgroups. To access the application to be a student advocate, please go to <http://bit.ly/2b9yUIC>.

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