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Important Stakeholder Information

By now you have received a few e-mails about the development of the Arkansas Accountability System under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA, which replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB), gives states the opportunity to develop their own accountability system that will measure the effectiveness of public school education.

In order to develop an accountability system, input regarding the necessary measures that will ensure Arkansas' system is comprehensive and effective is needed from all stakeholders, including students, parents, educators and community members. You have been identified as an important stakeholder, and we look forward to engaging you throughout this process.

To ensure transparency, several opportunities are available for you to be engaged and stay informed. For example, starting tomorrow the first monthly steering committee meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Department of Education. To learn more about the steering committee members, as well as meeting dates, visit our ESSA webpage: <http://bit.ly/2aN1zjl>. While we understand that many stakeholders cannot attend the meetings because of other obligations, we encourage you to provide feedback in other ways. Education Service Cooperatives, STEM Centers and Education Renewal Zones are collaborating to host 10 community forums around the state. We invite you to participate. Online surveys and a public comment e-mail address also are available. Learn more by visiting the ESSA webpage.

Each Arkansan is an important stakeholder in education. Please share these updates with your colleagues, friends and family members. If at any point you would like to unsubscribe from these e-mails, please click the opt out link at the bottom of the notice below. We encourage you to remain engaged by following us on Facebook and Twitter.

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