



## GIVING MICHIGAN SCHOOLS A JUMP ON ESSA

The Michigan Department of Education is submitting the state's proposed plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) during the spring submission period.

In Michigan's quest to become a Top 10 education state in 10 years, we cannot wait another year to begin implementing the positive improvements constructed in the state's ESSA plan. By submitting the state's plan in April, instead of waiting until September, Michigan schools will get a jump on the enhancements developed with input from thousands of stakeholders across Michigan.

### SUBMITTING THE ESSA PLAN IN APRIL WILL:

- Give local school districts time to plan for next school year, academically and budgetarily
- Provide schools with more flexibility, beginning next school year, on how to meet the comprehensive needs of all students
- Empower Michigan to lead and be in charge of its own education destiny, and not the federal government
- Provide space for future amendments to the Plan, if necessary
- Show that Michigan schools are ready NOW to improve – to innovate – to be student-focused

*"One of my main priorities as Secretary is to ensure that States and local school districts have clarity during the early implementation of the law. Additionally, I want to ensure that regulations comply with the requirements of the law, provide the State and local flexibility that Congress intended, and do not impose unnecessary burdens.*

*"The regulatory delay and review, and the potential repeal of recent regulations by Congress, should not adversely affect or delay the progress that States have already made in developing their State plans and transitioning to the ESSA."*

— U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos  
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