



# Accountability and Reporting Updates

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# Federal Accountability: School Index

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## What Happened?

- all 50 states had federal assessment requirements waived for 2019-20
- Accountability requirements waived for 2019-20 include:
  - Running the School Index system
    - Including non-assessment related components
  - Identifying CSI and TSI schools (ATS is also waived but Michigan was not scheduled to identify in 2019-20)
  - Exiting existing CSI schools
    - USED considers existing statuses “paused”
  - Reporting 2019-20 accountability results
    - Including non-assessment related components

# Federal Accountability: Identifications Detail

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The approved waiver includes the following identification “pause” language:

- Any school that is identified for comprehensive or targeted support and improvement or additional targeted support and improvement in the 2019-2020 school year will maintain that identification status in the 2020-2021 school year and continue to receive supports and interventions consistent with the school’s support and improvement plan in the 2020-2021 school year.

As of today, the United States Department of Education (USED) is expecting states to assess students and run states’ accountability systems

- 2020-21 results must be used to identify TSI schools

# Federal Reporting: AER

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Federal reporting requirements (AER) waived include:

- A description of the School Index system
- Assessment results (proficiency and growth)
- English learner progress
- School Quality and Student Success measures (access to arts/P.E./librarians, chronic absenteeism, advanced coursework, postsecondary enrollment)
- Progress towards long-term goals
- Assessment participation rates
- Numbers of students taking MI-Access

# Federal Reporting: AER

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Federal reporting (AER) requirements NOT waived include:

- Graduation rates
- Civil rights data collection
  - Data provided by USED – collected from districts in previous years
- Teacher qualifications
  - Inexperienced teachers, principals, and other school leaders
  - Teachers with emergency or provisional credentials
  - Teachers not teaching in the area for which they are certified or licensed
- Per-pupil expenditures
- Available for preview December 2 – 16, 2020

# State Accountability

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## State Accountability (School Grades system)

- P.A. 601 (MCL 380.1280g) was not included in the governor's executive order regarding testing and accountability
- MDE ran the School Grades system to comply with state law
- School Grades 2019-20 include
  - Graduation rates (2018-19)
  - EL Progress (2019-20)
  - Chronic absenteeism (2019-20)
  - Compliance with law (alternative schools only)
- October 2020 preview, public November 6, 2020

# State Reporting

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- Parent Dashboard continues to be updated with non-assessment data
  - Schools and districts should continue submitting clean and accurate data in CEPI collections to ensure non-assessment related reporting maintains its high quality
- MDE is working with CEPI to create appropriate messaging around the data that continue to be reported

# What's Next?

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- Addendums, Amendments, Waivers: Choose Your Own Adventure!
- USED Addendum for 2020-21 accountability
  - Due February 1, 2021
  - Michigan will seek two items:
    - One-year delay in CSI identifications (Fall 2022 based on 21-22 data) and potentially ATS
    - Modified CSI exit criteria based on 2020-21 data
  - Addendum allows for other temporary “tweaks”, unneeded for Michigan due to
    - Reallocation of weights for missing indicators
    - No reliance on multiyear averages
    - Participation can largely be handled through “Students Not Tested” process



# What's Next?

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- ESSA plan amendment (permanent changes)
  - Reset Index targets at a minimum
    - Existing targets tied to previous Top 10 in 10 strategic plan
  - Need data to determine other potential changes (summer 2021)
- Waiver
  - Broad and/or targeted -> sooner or later timeline
    - Blanket assessment/accountability
    - Targeted based on data
      - Participation rates (and multiplier)

# Contact/Questions?

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