

Implementing the Every Student Succeeds Act: Leveraging Every Voice through Engagement

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) gives us an opportunity to further develop and resource Rhode Island's [Strategic Plan for PK-12 Education](#). Stakeholder engagement will be used as a foundation for Rhode Island's state planning process. Over the course of the 2016-2017 school year, RIDE will be engaging with the greater community with critical questions surrounding our state plan through multiple channels. RIDE will analyze all feedback to iterate our recommendations until we submit our final plan to the federal government on September 18, 2017.

RIDE will engage deeply with:

- **Committee of Practitioners:** A consistent group of 30 diverse community members gathers monthly to give input on high-level questions concerning ESSA, to serve as liaisons to the community at large regarding our planning process, and to weigh in on multiple drafts of the ESSA Plan.
- **General Public:** The general public will be given multiple opportunities to weigh in on the ESSA state plan, including input forums, surveys, forums to give suggestions, and a public comment period.
- **Critical Stakeholder Groups:** Affinity groups across the state will be consulted at various points throughout the ESSA state planning process on specific topics that pertain to them through individual and joint meetings, and web-based communication.
- **Policy Makers:** Elected and appointed officials at the state level will be informed of the input from constituents across the state and will be asked to weigh in on a variety of topics throughout the planning process.

Phase 1: Seeking Input on Key Questions (Aug. – Jan.)

- 5 public forums with 200+ participants
- Online input survey with 75+ participants
- 15+ stakeholder input meetings
- Monthly Committee of Practitioners meetings to give input on all topics

Phase 2: Gathering Feedback on Initial Recommendations (Feb. – May)

- Public survey on initial recommendations
- 5 public forums
- 15+ Stakeholder group feedback meetings
- Monthly Committee of Practitioners meetings to discuss recommendations
- Meetings with General Assembly

Phase 3: Attaining Approval on Full State Plan Draft (Jun. - Aug.)

- Open public comment period
- Governors approval
- Committee of Practitioners suggest edits on full plan

Phase 4: Submit and Plan for Implementation (Sep. – Nov.)

- **Submit plan to US ED by 9/18/17**
- Work with field to implement
- Develop tools and guidance for implementation