

Regional Meetings with State Education Department Staff
Every Student Succeeds Act Financial Transparency Requirement

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that, beginning with the 2018-19 school year, State Report cards must include:

“The per-pupil expenditures of Federal, State, and local funds, including actual personnel expenditures and actual non-personnel expenditures of Federal, State, and local funds, disaggregated by source of funds, for each local educational agency and each school in the State for the preceding fiscal year.”

For the 2018-19 school year, reports will be on actual expenditures during that year and are expected to be due by December 2019.

We are committed to taking advantage of the opportunity this federal requirement provides to enhance transparency, equity, and accountability to inform local decision-making.

To ensure the financial reports are useful to school districts and their communities, we are soliciting stakeholder feedback through a series of regional meetings across the State. The topics we will discuss include, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- How do districts currently account for expenditures among their schools?
- What expenditures are not easily identifiable at a school level?
- What expenditures are not easily identifiable as coming from a federal or state/local funding source?
- What type of report presentation and additional contextual information would be useful to district personnel, parents, and community leaders for inclusion in a report?

Department staff welcomes any and all comments on these topics and will engage with a representative working group to disseminate the collected feedback in developing uniform guidance that all districts will be required to follow to comply with federal law. Recommended attendees for these events include school district leaders, business officials, board members, parents, and others interested in school accountability issues.

Meeting Information

Date: Thursday September 13, 2018

Time: 1:00PM – 3:30PM

Location: Western Suffolk BOCES: 31 Lee Ave Wheatley Heights, NY 11798

Please RSVP at thunter@wsboces.org by September 11, 2018 as space is limited.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback to the above questions but cannot participate in the meeting, please feel free to email ESSAFinTrans@nysed.gov.

DIRECTIONS TO WHEATLEY HEIGHTS CONFERENCE CENTER

From the Long Island Expressway: Take the LIE to Exit 50, Bagatelle Road. Travel south on Bagatelle Road (which turns into Conklin Ave.) for approximately 2 miles. Please pay particular attention to the speed limits on this road. At blinking red light, make a left. School is on the corner of Lee Avenue and Conklin Ave.

From Southern State Parkway: Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 36 North. Travel north on Straight Path approximately 3 miles. Follow overhead sign which reads, "To Long Island Avenue - South 18th Street. Make a left at the corner. Continue over the LIRR tracks until it turns into North 18th Street which ends at Lee Avenue. Make a left onto Lee Avenue. Go approximately 1/8 mile.

**Parking: Enter the driveway on the far right of the school
For Western Suffolk BOCES Conference Room: Enter the side door closest to Lee Ave**