



Vision for School Improvement

CDE is focused on an integrated and strategic approach to SI and aligning CDE-support with its monitoring efforts. Schools and districts develop improvement plans based on rigorous root-cause analysis and partner with CDE to select appropriate supports for improvement.

Key Strategies

PROGRESS UPDATES: CDE is launching the Empowering Action through School Improvement Application and Unified Improvement Process and assigning CDE support coordinators to provide thought partnership and navigation.

CHALLENGES: CDE is developing a menu of evidence-based interventions for schools/districts and a process for schools/districts to propose their own interventions, while bringing alignment to the state and ESSA accountability systems.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & COMPLIANCE

- **Templates and rubrics for improvement plans:** Developed (a) a rubric to evaluate LEA application, (b) needs assessment rubrics and (c) an exemplary CSI template plan
- **Professional development:** Held convenings to cover changes to the SI application and provided TA on how to implement SI plans and grants for school leadership training/development
- **Guidance:** Provided liaisons and materials to explain the SI process to educators, families and community members and provided guidance to LEAs on (a) ESSA regulations to which schools and LEAs must conform, (b) actions CDE will take to identify, support and intervene in CSI and TSI schools, (c) implementation strategies for TSI schools and (d) evidence-based SI strategies aligned to ESSA requirements
- **Structures and processes:** Developed or updated processes to (a) recruit, screen, select and evaluate external partners/providers, (b) provide feedback to LEAs on SI efforts and (c) monitor progress

Key Updates

NEW POLICY/REGULATIONS: CDE is updating the state accountability system to clarify the accountability timeline/"clock" for state interventions in schools.

NEW SEA PRACTICE: CDE is creating internal teams to liaise and coordinate services with identified LEAs.

Funding: Competitive Grant

CDE issued criteria for grant application as part of the EZ Application process. For schools that do not meet funding criteria, CDE will provide support to help schools improve the quality of their plans.

State and School Needs

SEA

Building capacity of CDE to act primarily as a support provider vs a compliance agency

SCHOOLS

Increased support from LEAs for school improvement

Implementation Timeline

2017-18 SY	TSI & CSI schools identified
Summer '18	LEA SI grant application opens
Fall '18	Full implementation of SI system
Winter '18-'19	State report card released
TBD	LEA resource allocation audit