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To: Title I-A Program Administrators  
From: Frank Chiki, Director of Title Grants & Support  
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Subject: 2023-2024 School Year Title I Schoolwide Plan Approval Process

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) implemented a process for Title I schools transitioning from a Targeted Assistance School (TAS) to a Schoolwide Program (SWP) for the 2023-2024 school year. To be approved for SWP status, schools must submit an electronic Assurance of Schoolwide Plan, which can be accessed [here](#). **The assurance must be completed by Friday, June 23, prior to submission of the fiscal year (FY) 2024 Title I Application.**

Per the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local educational agencies (LEAs) now have greater fiscal flexibility regarding supplement not supplant and schoolwide programs for Title I funding under Title I-A. Increased flexibility under ESSA allows every school, regardless of poverty level, to operate as a SWP as long as it meets the needs of the lowest achieving students in the school.

IDOE will post an updated list of approved schools every Friday until Friday, June 30, on the [IDOE Title I webpage](#). Approval notification will not be sent to schools individually, so LEAs must check the website to verify approval. Plans should not be submitted for review at this time, but they must be available for review during a desktop or onsite monitoring visit by IDOE.

To utilize the ESSA SWP flexibility, school improvement plans must be finalized by the deadline on Friday, June 23.

A Title I served TAS school is eligible to become a SWP if the following criteria are met:

- The school has developed a comprehensive plan in consultation with the LEA, its school support team, and a technical assistance provider, if applicable.
- The school has developed a comprehensive plan with the involvement of parents, other members of the community to be served, and individuals who will carry out the plan including teachers, principals, administrators, and if appropriate, pupil service administrators, technical assistance providers, school staff, and students.
- The school has made the plan available to the district, parents, and the public.
- The school maintains a list of all instructional staff, including class/subject areas and current licensure or certification.

Additionally, the LEA must ensure that:



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- Technical assistance and guidance were provided to the school regarding the development and implementation of the schoolwide plan.
- All Title I services provided in the schoolwide plan will be supplementary to services that are required to be provided by the school.
- The comprehensive plan was developed during a one-year period, unless the LEA determined in consultation with the school that less time was needed to develop and implement the schoolwide program.
- The comprehensive plan will remain in effect for the duration of the school's participation as a SWP, and the LEA will review, monitor, and revise the schoolwide plan annually at a minimum, or as necessary based on student needs.
- All statutory schoolwide requirements have been met for this school.

Please note: the assurance form is only required for schools that have recently completed the one-year planning period and will become schoolwide programs for the first time in 2023-2024. Schools in the first year of operation are not eligible and must complete a minimum of one year as a TAS program.

Please contact your [assigned federal grants specialist](#) with any questions.