ESSA Working Committee

September 19, 2016

**Attendees:**

Leigh Ann Putman

Debbie Gay

Pam Smith

Will Rumbaugh

Cayanna Good

Terris Ross

Craig Geers

Kelly Hales (for Lisa Martin)

Lou Erste

Welcome – Debbie Gay

* Feedback gathered from regional stakeholder meetings attended by Craig Geers, Wanda Creel and Debbie Gay comments and concerns:
* High praise for School and District Effectiveness – Leadership Training along with RESA’s
* Continued feedback – how will GaDOE address
* Build Partnerships
* Guidance around funding
* Pre app screening competitive grants
* Communication for those speaking other languages
* Transportation responsibility for foster care children
* School Improvement and Federal Funding presentation via webinar by Melissa Junge, Federal Education Group, PLLC. Select the link to listen to the presentation. PPT attached.
* <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5221419469520424705>
* The group split into teams of 2 and carouseled the room answering the following questions
* How do we continue to engage with stakeholders once the plan is written and during implementation?
* Share your ideas – How can the state share guidance around expanded flexibility of funds to:
* School districts
* Parents
* Community stakeholders
* The ESSA designates the school district to approve plans and provide monitoring for schools designated as Targeted Support and Improvement schools. What could the state role “look like”?

How could funding be provided?

* ESSA requires 1003 funds to be expended on evidence based interventions. Defined in law as (1) strong, (2) moderate and (3) promising.

How can the state ensure this requirement is met?

* The ESSA requires the state to approve plans and monitor progress for schools designated as Comprehensive Support and Improvement schools.

What could this “look Like”? How should funding be provided?

* In Georgia most school districts have performance contracts through their charter or strategic waiver status. Share ideas to ensure coordination of SEA required plans with district performance contracts.
* Share your additional ideas – questions or topics for future discussion
* For those who were not able to attend the meeting please take this opportunity to submit your answers by end of day Tuesday 9/27/16.
* We will forward responses to you in preparation for the next meeting on Wednesday October 5, 2016 which will be a “Go To Meeting” using the following link:

Title:  Federal Programs to Support School Improvement Work Group

                October 5, 2016

                9:00 AM

1.  Please join my meeting.

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