



District Improvement Plan 2017-2018



DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN



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- Title I, Part A - Parent Engagement Program
- Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children
- Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children
- Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders
- Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students
- Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment
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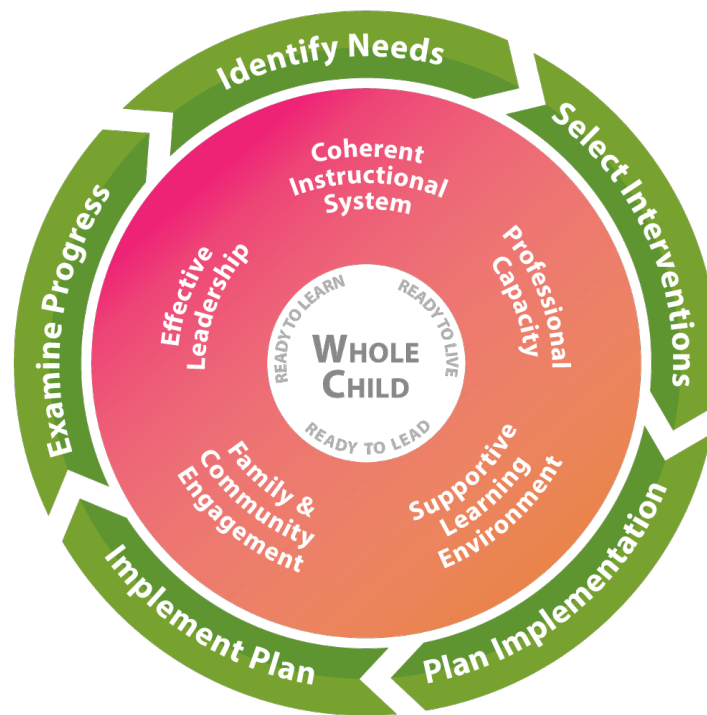
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| • Georgia’s Systems of Continuous Improvement Overview | February 10, 2017 |
| • Planning and Preparation | February 17, 2017 |
| • Coherent Instructional System | February 24, 2017 |
| • Effective Leadership | March 3, 2017 |
| • Professional Capacity | March 10, 2017 |
| • Family and Community Engagement | March 17, 2017 |
| • Supportive Learning Environment | March 24, 2017 |
| • Identifying Need - Root Causes, Drawing Conclusions, and Prioritizing | March 31, 2017 |
| • Problem Solving Process and Selecting Interventions | April 7, 2017 |
| • Improvement Planning - Systems and Processes | April 21, 2017 |
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GEORGIA'S SYSTEMS OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Georgia Department of Education's strategic plan emphasizes transforming the agency into one that provides meaningful support to schools and districts. The agency has developed a common, continuous improvement framework to ensure that these efforts are aligned across all agency divisions, departments, and programs. Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement focuses on the systems and structures (the “what”) that must be in place for sustained improvement in student outcomes. It also utilizes a problem-solving model (the “how”) to provide a clear process for identifying improvement needs, planning for improvement, and implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the improvement efforts.



Systems to Improve (What to Improve)

Coherent Instructional System: The major system of the complex district organization that articulates and guides the “what” and “how” of instruction. This comprehensive system includes the processes related to:

- *Planning for quality instruction* - The structure of the instructional system in which the district defines what the students should “know” and “do”, and determine how their students will show they “know” the content and can “do” a skill or performance task
- *Delivering quality instruction* - The structure of the instructional system that guides teachers in how they introduce content, practice its use along with the students, and then allow students to use the content on their own while providing students regular standards-based feedback to gain mastery of the content
- *Monitoring student progress* - The structure of the instructional system that methodically discovers if the students are getting the content, and what to do about it when they are getting it or are not getting it
- *Refining the instructional system* - The structure of the instructional system that examines how to improve the planning for quality instruction, delivering quality instruction, and monitoring student progress

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Effective Leadership: A major system of the complex district organization that sets the direction for the district, ensures that the district staff and the school leaders are capable of meeting that direction, and makes sure the organization functions according to its mission. This system includes the processes related to:

- *Creating and maintaining a climate and culture conducive to learning* - the structure of the leadership system that ensures that the school allows both adults and children to put learning at the center of their daily activities
- *Cultivating and distributing leadership* - the structure of the leadership system that develops others to accomplish the group's purpose and encourages the development of leadership across the organization
- *Ensuring high quality instruction in all classrooms* - the structure of the leadership system that reduces the variability in the quality of instruction across all schools and all classrooms
- *Managing the district and its resources* - the structure of the leadership system that ensures leaders effectively use all the resources at hand so that the district functions according to its mission
- *Driving improvement efforts* - the structure of the leadership systems that methodically, intentionally, and effectively improves the district's major systems, structures, and processes

Professional Capacity: A major system of the complex district organization that develops a quality staff to reduce the variance of quality in instruction throughout the district. This system includes the processes related to:

- *Attracting staff* - the structure of the professional capacity system that is intentional in locating the teachers and leaders that are the best fit for the district and its schools to achieve its mission
- *Developing staff* - the structure of the professional capacity system that ensures the increasing quality of the district and school staff's knowledge and skills
- *Retaining staff* - the structure of the professional capacity system that ensures the quality staff is working in the context/ position that is most beneficial to student achievement
- *Ensuring staff collaboration* - the structure of the professional capacity system that reinforces the effective practice of constant collaboration to improve instructional quality in all schools and in all classrooms

Family and Community Engagement: A major system of the complex district organization that develops quality links between district professionals and the parents and community the district and its schools are intended to serve. This system includes the processes related to:

- *Welcoming all families and the community* - The structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families and the community are active participants in the life of the schools within the district, and feel welcomed, valued, and connected to each other, to school staff, and where applicable district staff, and to what students are learning and doing in the schools within the district
- *Communicating effectively with all families and the community* - The structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families/the community and district and school staff engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about student learning
- *Supporting student success* - the structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families, communities, school staff, and as appropriate district staff, continuously collaborate to support students' learning and healthy development both at home and at school, and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively
- *Empowering families* - the structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families are empowered to be advocates for their own and other children, to ensure that students are treated fairly and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success
- *Sharing leadership with families and the community* - the structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families/the community and district and school staff are equal partners in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs
- *Collaborating with the community* - the structure of the family and community engagement system that ensures families and district and school staff collaborate with community members to connect students, families, and staff to expanded learning opportunities, community services, and civic participation

Supportive Learning Environment: A major system of the complex district organization that ensures students' school participation and willingness to expend major effort on classroom learning. This system includes the processes related to:

- *Maintaining order and safety* - the structure of the supportive learning environment system that ensures that the basic needs of orderliness and safety are met
- *Developing and monitoring a system of supports* - the structure of the supportive learning environment system that provides comprehensive services to students to meet their unique, whole-child needs
- *Ensuring a student learning community* - the structure of the supportive learning environment system that ensures compliance with positive and healthy behavioral and academic norms

Process to Improve (How to Improve)

Step 1: Identify Needs: Consult many sources to determine what in the district needs improvement.

- Plan and prepare for the process
- Collect and analyze data
- Identify needs and conduct a root cause analysis

Step 2: Select Interventions: Research many sources to determine the solutions that have a good chance of meeting the identified district needs.

- Consider all the evidence for needed improvements
- Research possible interventions
- Determine if staff has the capacity to implement possible interventions

Step 3: Plan Implementation: Develop a team and plan to implement the solutions that are most promising and can be carried out at the school.

- Identify roles and responsibilities of those implementing the intervention
- Develop a team that will deeply understand the intervention and of best ways to implement it
- Develop the implementation timeline
- Identify resources and supports needed for the implementation of the intervention
- Develop a set of information to be reviewed to track the implementation

Step 4: Implement Plan: Carry out the plan to implement the promising solutions, making real-time adjustments where/when needed.

- Collect information to monitor the quality of supports being provided for the intervention
- Consider what additional information is needed to determine if intervention is working
- Assess the degree to which the implementation plan is being followed
- Identify ways to break down any barriers
- Build capacity of others to facilitate the improvement process now and in the future

Step 5: Examine Progress: Determine whether the implementation of the promising solutions is meeting the originally identified needs of the school.

- Determine if the staff can formally study the effects of the intervention to share with others in the field
- Monitor implementation and progress against defined goals
- Define reasonable expectations for success
- Identify and track progress and performance
- Develop a plan for how knowledge about the intervention will be shared with others
- Use the evidence to determine whether the intervention should continue as is, be modified, or be discontinued

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District Improvement Plan

1. GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN INFORMATION

<i>District Name</i>	
<i>Team Lead</i>	
<i>Position</i>	
<i>Email</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	

Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in This Plan (Select all that apply)	
	Traditional funding (all Federal funds budgeted separately)
	Consolidated funds (state/local and federal funds consolidated) - Pilot systems ONLY
	"Fund 400" - Consolidation of Federal funds only

Factor(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply)	
	Free/Reduced meal applications
	Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY
	Other (if selected, please describe below)

2. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.1 CREATING IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Effective goals assist districts and schools in attaining collective agreement about what work needs to occur for improvement to take place. Goals should focus and prioritize the efforts and resources of the district/school to the previously identified needs and create a focus for improvement. Setting goals should be a strategic process which aligns the goals within one of the five systems: Coherent Instruction, Effective Leadership, Professional Capacity, Family and Community Engagement, or Supportive Learning Environment.

There are several categories of goals which may be used in school improvement but the one type which focuses on improving results and not just enhancing processes is a SMART goal. SMART is an acronym for:

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Relevant

Time-bound

An example of a SMART goal is:

By the end of the school year 2017-2018, all teachers will have training and be included in a PLC for their content-specific area.

2.1.1 Completing the Improvement Goals Tables

Enter the district's two to four overarching needs and related root causes, as identified in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2017-2018 District Report, into the tables on pages 8, 14, 20, and 26. Determine a goal for each overarching need and include the goal in the last row of each corresponding table. For each overarching need, complete the planning tables covering the five systems from Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement. Use the codes below to list the structures addressed through the goal within each system. For each system, identify one to six action steps that will be taken to address the root causes that have created the overarching need. Finally, identify any supplemental action steps necessary to ensure the necessary supports are in place for the listed subgroups.

Coherent Instructional System

- CIS-1 Planning for quality instruction
- CIS-2 Delivering quality instruction
- CIS-3 Monitoring student progress
- CIS-4 Refining the instructional system

Effective Leadership

- EL-1 Creating and maintaining a climate and culture conducive to learning
- EL-2 Cultivating and distributing leadership
- EL-3 Ensuring high quality instruction in all classrooms
- EL-4 Managing the district and its resources
- EL-5 Driving improvement efforts

Professional Capacity

- PC-1 Attracting staff
- PC-2 Developing staff
- PC-3 Retaining staff
- PC-4 Ensuring staff collaboration

Family and Community Engagement

- FCE-1 Welcoming all families and the community
- FCE-2 Communicating effectively with all families and the community
- FCE-3 Supporting student success
- FCE-4 Empowering families
- FCE-5 Sharing leadership with families and the community
- FCE-6 Collaborating with the community

Supportive Learning Environment

- SLE-1 Maintaining order and safety
- SLE-2 Developing and monitoring a system of supports
- SLE-3 Ensuring a student learning community

2.2 OVERARCHING NEED #1

Overarching Need	
Root Cause #1	
Root Cause #2	
Root Cause #3	
Root Cause #4	
Root Cause #5	
GOAL	

COHERENT INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

GOAL			
Structure(s)			
<i>Evidence-based Action Steps:</i> Describe the evidence-based action steps to be taken to achieve the goal.			
Action Steps	Possible Funding Source(s)	a. Timeline for Implementation	Position/Role Responsible
		b. Method for Monitoring	
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<i>Supplemental Supports:</i> What supplemental action steps will be implemented for these subgroups?			
Economically Disadvantaged		Foster and Homeless	
English Learners		Migrant	
Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP			
GOAL			
Structure(s)			
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Supplemental Supports: What supplemental action steps will be implemented for these subgroups?			
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English Learners		Migrant	
Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY			
GOAL			
Structure(s)			
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FAMILY and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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Economically Disadvantaged		Foster and Homeless	
English Learners		Migrant	
Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

2.3 OVERARCHING NEED #2

Overarching Need	
Root Cause #1	
Root Cause #2	
Root Cause #3	
Root Cause #4	
Root Cause #5	
<i>GOAL</i>	

COHERENT INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

GOAL			
Structure(s)			
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Economically Disadvantaged		Foster and Homeless	
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Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP			
GOAL			
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English Learners		Migrant	
Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY			
GOAL			
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FAMILY and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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2.4 OVERARCHING NEED #3

Overarching Need	
Root Cause #1	
Root Cause #2	
Root Cause #3	
Root Cause #4	
Root Cause #5	
<i>GOAL</i>	

COHERENT INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

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EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP			
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SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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2.5 OVERARCHING NEED #4

Overarching Need	
Root Cause #1	
Root Cause #2	
Root Cause #3	
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<i>GOAL</i>	

COHERENT INSTRUCTIONAL SYSTEM

GOAL

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EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP			
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PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY			
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FAMILY and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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		b. Method for Monitoring	
1.		a.	
		b.	
2.		a.	
		b.	
3.		a.	
		b.	
4.		a.	
		b.	
5.		a.	
		b.	
6.		a.	
		b.	
<i>Supplemental Supports:</i> What supplemental action steps will be implemented for these subgroups?			
Economically Disadvantaged		Foster and Homeless	
English Learners		Migrant	
Race/Ethnicity/Minority		Students with Disabilities	

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GOAL			
Structure(s)			
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		b. Method for Monitoring	
1.		a.	
		b.	
2.		a.	
		b.	
3.		a.	
		b.	
4.		a.	
		b.	
5.		a.	
		b.	
6.		a.	
		b.	
<i>Supplemental Supports:</i> What supplemental action steps will be implemented for these subgroups?			
Economically Disadvantaged		Foster and Homeless	
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District Name	
District Title II, Part A Coordinator	

3.1 REVIEW of COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

Using the Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2017-2018 District Report provided by the Georgia Department of Education, districts must review each data variable to determine district and school needs and areas of focus. Equity needs should be considered when reviewing this data. Districts must analyze the reasons for any identified equity gaps. This analysis should occur in the District Report.

3.2 IDENTIFICATION of EQUITY GAPS

Districts must identify two gaps for improvement, focusing on gaps that impact minority students and economically disadvantaged students– One under Equity Gap #1 and one under Equity Gap #2. If a district does not plan to address a data variable that reflects a significant gap, the district should have provided an explanation in the data profile analysis. If a district reviews the data profile and does not identify equity gaps, the district must select two variables for continuous improvement. For each equity gap a different data profile variable must be identified.

		Data Profile Variable	
Equity Gap #1	Equity Gap #2	<i>(Corresponding District CNA page numbers are provided for reference)</i>	
		TAPS distribution	
		LAPS distribution	
		Teacher retention (p. 29)	
		Principal retention (p. 29)	
		Inexperienced teachers (less than four years of experience) (p. 29)	
		Inexperienced leaders (principals or assistant principals with less than four years of experience)	
		Teachers out-of-field (p. 29)	
		Teachers with provisional or emergency certification (p. 30)	
		Discipline ISS (p. 42)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Discipline OSS (p. 42)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Student Attendance (p. 43)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Teacher days absent (p. 43)	
		CCRPI Star Climate Rating (p. 43)	
		Per pupil expenditure (p. 49)	
		Student achievement (pp. 52-67)	Content area: Subgroup:
		Lexile	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Graduation rate (4 year cohort) (p. 68)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Graduation rate (5 year cohort)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		Pathway completers (p. 68)	If selected, identify subgroup:
		District Mean Growth Percentile (MGP) (p. 68)	
		School Mean Growth Percentile (SGP)	
		Other data source: Specify equity gap	

3.3 SELECTION of EQUITY INTERVENTIONS to ADDRESS IDENTIFIED EQUITY GAPS

For each equity gap selected, choose a corresponding equity intervention. Where applicable, districts may select the same equity intervention for each identified gap.

Equity Interventions	
Selected Intervention for Equity Gap #1	Selected Intervention for Equity Gap #2
	EI-1 Provide targeted teacher development on content, pedagogy, and student supports and interventions
	EI-2 Provide targeted school leader development
	EI-3 Provide professional learning opportunities for career advancement for teachers and school leaders
	EI-4 Identify, recruit, and equitably assign effective teachers and effective school leaders
	EI-5 Support the retention of effective teachers and effective school leaders
	EI-6 Schedule class size reduction teachers at a level that is evidence based
	EI-7 Provide equitable access to student support programs and interventions
	EI-8 Promote the engagement and education of parents, families, community and business partners
	EI-9 Evaluate and monitor the working environment in support of a positive school climate
	EI-10 Equitable allocation of academic resources to students

3.4 EQUITY INTERVENTIONS for REDUCING DISTRICT EQUITY GAPS

Describe how the equity intervention will be implemented, monitored, and measured for effectiveness in the current fiscal year. The description should include the personnel responsible by position and timeline for implementing, monitoring, and analyzing data to determine effectiveness of implementation. It should also include the data that will be gathered and analyzed to determine effectiveness. Because the plan will be executed in the current fiscal year, the timeline should specify whether each action will be monitored on an annual, bi-annual, quarterly, monthly, bi-monthly, weekly or daily basis. Certain implementation activities may have a more specific timeline (such as hiring a consultant to present in August, etc.).

3.4.1 EQUITY INTERVENTIONS for EQUITY GAP #1

Equity Gap #1	
Data Profile Variable Selected for Equity Gap #1 (from 2.2)	
Equity Intervention Selected to Address Equity Gap #1 (from 2.3)	

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Activities and/or strategies the district will implement to address identified equity gap	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline

Data to be collected to monitor the <u>implementation</u> of activities or strategies	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline
Data to be collected to measure the <u>effectiveness</u> of implementation and district ability to reduce equity gap	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline
Allocation of resources and/or coordination of funds required to implement equity intervention to reduce equity gaps		

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3.4.2 EQUITY INTERVENTIONS for EQUITY GAP #2

Equity Gap #2		
Data Profile Variable Selected for Equity Gap #2 (from 2.2)		
Equity Intervention Selected to Address Equity Gap #2 (from 2.3)		
Activities and/or strategies the district will implement to address identified equity gap	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline

Data to be collected to monitor the <u>implementation</u> of activities or strategies	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline
Data to be collected to measure the <u>effectiveness</u> of implementation and LEA ability to reduce equity gap	Position/Role Responsible	Timeline
Allocation of resources and/or coordination of funds required to implement equity intervention to reduce equity gaps		

4. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

4.a - In developing this plan, briefly describe how the district sought advice from individuals and organizations [teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals (including organizations representing such individuals), specialized instructional support personnel, charter school leaders (in a district that has charter schools), parents, community partners, and other organizations or partners with relevant and demonstrated expertise in Federal ESSA programs and activities designed to meet the purpose of Title II, Part A] regarding how best to improve the district's activities to meet the purpose of Title II, Part A; and to coordinate district activities under Title II, Part A with other related strategies, programs, Federal ESSA programs, and activities being conducted in the community.
[Sec. 2103(b)(3)]

4.b - Describe how the district will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in Title I schools and/or programs are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers.
[Sec. 1111(g)(1)(B)]

4.c - Describe the district's systems of professional growth and improvement (for serving both the district and individual schools). The description might include:

- how the district uses data and other evidence to identify teacher and student needs and to inform professional development strategy;
- how district policies provide sufficient time and resources to ensure professional development is sustained, ongoing, and job-embedded;
- how the district builds the requisite leadership capacity for those who facilitate professional development (and sustains them over time);
- how the district is moving toward evidence-based professional development that aligns with ESSA's new definition of professional development; and
- what measures will be used to determine whether district and school efforts are resulting in improvements in teaching and student outcomes.

[Sec. 2102(b)(2)(B)]; [Learning Forward Guidance]

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4.d.1 - State whether or not the district waives certification under Georgia charter law (OCGA 20-2-2065) or State Board Rule - Strategic Waivers (160-5-1-.33).

[Sec 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

4.d.2 - If the district waives certification, specify whether or not, in the current fiscal year, certification is waived for all teachers (except Special Education, ESOL, Gifted). If certification is waived for a select group of teachers, please specify for which teachers the district waives certification. The description must address content fields and grade level bands (P-5, 4-8, 6-12, P-12). Please note that in Georgia certification requirements for Special Education, ESOL and Gifted teachers CANNOT be waived. All Special Education teachers are required to hold GaPSC special education certification that is in-field for the course to which the teacher is assigned. In addition, ESOL and Gifted Teachers must hold the corresponding GaPSC endorsement.

[Sec 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

4.d.3 - If the district waives certification, state the minimum professional qualifications required for employment of teachers for whom certification is waived (example: bachelor's degree, content assessment, coursework, field experience, etc.).

[Sec 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

4.e - Describe actions the district will take to assist its state and federally-identified schools needing support. Include the prioritization of Title II, Part A funds.
[Sec. 1111(d); 1124(c)]; [Sec. 2012 (b)(2)(c)]

4.f - Describe how the district will support programs that coordinate and integrate academic and career and technical education content through:

- coordinated instructional strategies, that may incorporate experiential learning opportunities and promote skills attainment important to in-demand occupations or industries; and
- work-based learning opportunities that provide students in-depth interaction with industry professionals and, if appropriate, academic credit.

[Sec. 1112 (b)(12)]

4.g - Describe how the district will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, which may include identifying and supporting schools with high rates of discipline, disaggregated by each of the subgroups of students.

[Sec. 1112 (b)(11)]

4.h - Describe how the district will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including:

- coordination with institutions of higher education, employers and local partners; and
- increased student access to early college high school or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interests and skills.

[Sec. 1112 (b)(10)]

4.i - Describe how the district will support, coordinate, and integrate services with early childhood programs at the district or school level, including plans for transition of participants in such programs to local elementary school programs.

[Sec. 1112 (b)(8)]

4.j - If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify the eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools.
[Sec. 1112 (b)(9)]

4.k - Provide a general description of the instructional program in the following:

- Title I schoolwide schools;
- Targeted Assistance Schools; and
- schools for children living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children.

[Sec. 1112]

4.1 - Describe how the district will promote interstate and intrastate coordination of services and educational continuity through:

- the use of the Title I, Part C Occupational Survey;
- the timely transfer of pertinent school records, including information on health, when children move from one school to another; and
- how the district will use the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX).

[Sec. 1308 (2)(A)]

4.m - Describe how the district will provide supplemental support services and outreach activities for migratory preschool children, out-of-school youth and drop-outs and their families, including informing such children and families of, or helping such children and families gain access to, other education, health, nutrition, and social services.
[Sec. 1304(a)(b)(1) (A)(B)(C)(D)]

4.n - Describe how the district will meet the following IDEA performance goals:

- IDEA Performance Goal 1: Improve graduation rate outcomes for students with disabilities;
- IDEA Performance Goal 2: Improve services for young children (3-5) with disabilities;
- IDEA Performance Goal 3: Improve the provision of a free and appropriate public education to students with disabilities; and
- IDEA Performance Goal 4: Improve compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

[20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A)]; [20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B)]; [20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(C)]; [1412(a)(22)]; [2 CFR 200.61]

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the district's improvement plan (*optional*).