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## **DEED Seeks Comment on Amendment to Alaska's Every Student Succeeds Act Plan**

JUNEAU -- The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) is seeking public comment on an amendment to the state's approved plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the new federal education law.

Alaska's plan to implement ESSA was approved by the U.S. Department of Education on May 16, 2018. Alaska must now submit an amendment to the state plan to the U.S. Department of Education by January 15, 2019, to demonstrate compliance with the new law and to receive the state's fiscal year 2019 allocation.

Specifically, DEED must provide data to ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in schools assisted with Title I, Part A funds are not served at a disproportionate rate by out-of-field and ineffective teachers. In the state's approved plan, DEED describes a plan to collect this data and provide an amendment to Alaska's plan.

DEED has been considering input provided by stakeholders during the compilation and analysis of the data through webinars with district personnel. DEED is interested in receiving additional input from the public **through January 14, 2019**.

For the public's convenience, DEED has created a feedback form that addresses the amended section of the state plan. DEED encourages the public to read the amended section before completing the feedback form. The amended section and the feedback form are available at <https://education.alaska.gov/akessa/stateplan>.

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