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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Charter Directors

FROM: ^{DNR}Debbie M. Rael, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, School Transformation

RE: Extension for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) Competitive Grants and Direct Student Services (DSS) Competitive Grants

PED has extended the window for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be eligible for CSI and DSS Competitive Grant funds. LOIs are to be submitted to ped.psb@state.nm.us by **Friday, January 26, 2018 at 3:00pm.**

- If the LEA **has already submitted** a LOI, the LEA is required to complete the table on page 2 and submit to ped.psb@state.nm.us by **Friday, January 26, 2018 at 3:00pm.**
- If the LEA **did not submit a LOI and would like to do so**, the LEA must submit a LOI and the relevant form(s) on page 2 and/or 3 to ped.psb@state.nm.us by **Friday, January 26, 2018 at 3:00pm.**

This extension affords **all eligible** NM LEAs the opportunity to take advantage of competitive grant dollars to support evidence-based interventions. Due to the extension, there are changes to the Project Period as indicated below:

Project Period Timeline	
Applications Released by PED http://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/information/essa-new-mexico/	December 5, 2017

Letter of Intent to Apply due to PED (Appendix A)	January 26, 2018
Applications Due to PED	February 26, 2018
Announcement of Awards	March 19, 2018
Planning Period for LEA/Schools	March 2018 to June 30, 2018
Year-One Implementation Period	July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019
Year-Two Implementation Period	July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
Year-Three Implementation Period	July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

LEA	CSI School	Pathway(s) Selection

CSI Pathways

LEAs with identified CSI schools are required to select at least one of four pathways for intensive improvement under New Mexico's ESSA plan:

1. NM DASH-Plus, which includes onsite monitoring every 30-days, with additional conference calls, technical assistance, and oversight.
2. Applying and participating in State-Sponsored School-Based Interventions (such as Principals Pursuing Excellence).
3. High school transformation in partnership with PED (10 high schools will be selected for this opportunity each cycle).
4. Application for Competitive Grants for Comprehensive Support and Improvement to support the implementation of Evidence-Based Interventions.

Does the CSI School have to choose one of the four pathways?

Yes. If the LEA/School does not choose numbers 2, 3, or 4 or a combination of these, which does include an opportunity to apply for additional funding through 1003[a], the school will be moved into Pathway 1, NM DASH-Plus Monitoring which does not include an opportunity to apply for additional funding through 1003[a].

Direct Student Services (DSS)

Who is eligible to apply for DSS Funding?

All New Mexico LEAs are eligible to apply for DSS funding. PED will prioritize awards under this competition to LEAs that, when compared to other LEAs in the state, are serving the highest percentage of schools that are:

- Identified by the State for CSI under Section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i) of ESEA; or
- Identified by the State for targeted support and improvement (TSI) under Section 1111(d)(2) of ESSA.

LEA Applying for DSS	School

If you have questions, please contact Elisabeth Peterson at Elisabeth.Peterson@state.nm.us

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Enc. (1): Frequently Asked Questions Regarding CSI, DSS, and Evidence-based Interventions

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