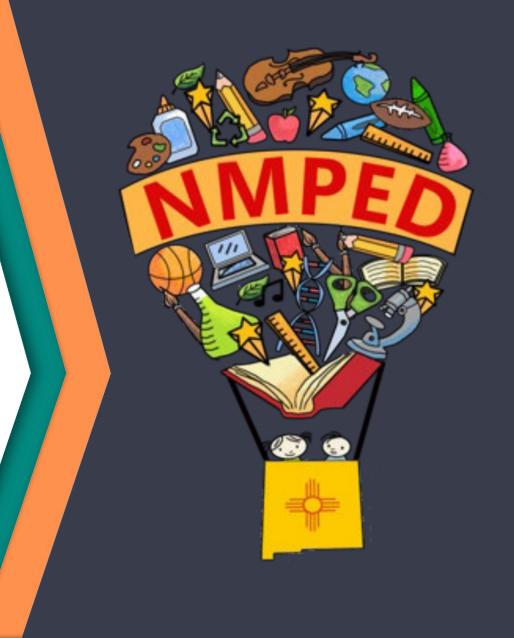
### Empowering Educators: Strategies for Effective Recruitment and Retention Title II, Part A

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## Agenda - Title II, Part A

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### Overview of Title II, Part A

# **Key Objectives:**ongoing training in the profession and technology,

- Increase student achievement
- Enhance educator effectiveness
- Provide ongoing professional development

### SUPPLEMENT, not SUPPLANT – Title II, Part A

LEAs should take the following steps to determine if a proposed program or activity is allowable under Title II-A:

Verify that the proposed use of funds for the activities supplement, and not supplant, other state or local funds that would otherwise be used to pay for the allowable activity. Supplanting is presumed if any of the following is true, according to federal fiscal guidance (<u>2 CFR Part 200, Appendix XI</u>):

- A district uses federal funds to provide services that:
  - -- are required under other federal, state, or local laws.
  - -- the district provided with non-federal funds in the prior year.
  - -- the district would otherwise provide without federal funds.

Supplement means "to add to" Supplant means "to supersede, displace, or replace"

[<u>ESSA 2123(b)</u>](for LEAS) & <u>2113(f)</u> (for the SEA and SAHE)]

In order to be Supplemental, Title II, Part A activities must *enhance*, *expand*, or *extend* the required services or programs offered with/by state, local, or federal funds".

### The Importance of Recruitment and Retention

### **Why Recruitment and Retention Matter**

1.	High Turnover Costs: Financial and Educational Impact
2.	Quality Educators: Key to Student Success
3.	Sustainable Programs: Long-term investment in school improvement

### Innovative Strategies for Recruitment

1.	Grow Your Own Programs: Develop Talent within the Community
2.	Partnerships with Universities: Create a Pipeline of New Educators
3.	Incentive Programs: Differential pay, Performance-based pay systems, Hiring for High-Needs Schools and Subjects
4.	<b>Diverse Hiring Practices: Reflect the Diversity of the Student Body</b>

Survey Results: State and District Use of Title II, Part A Funds in 2022–23 (ed.gov)

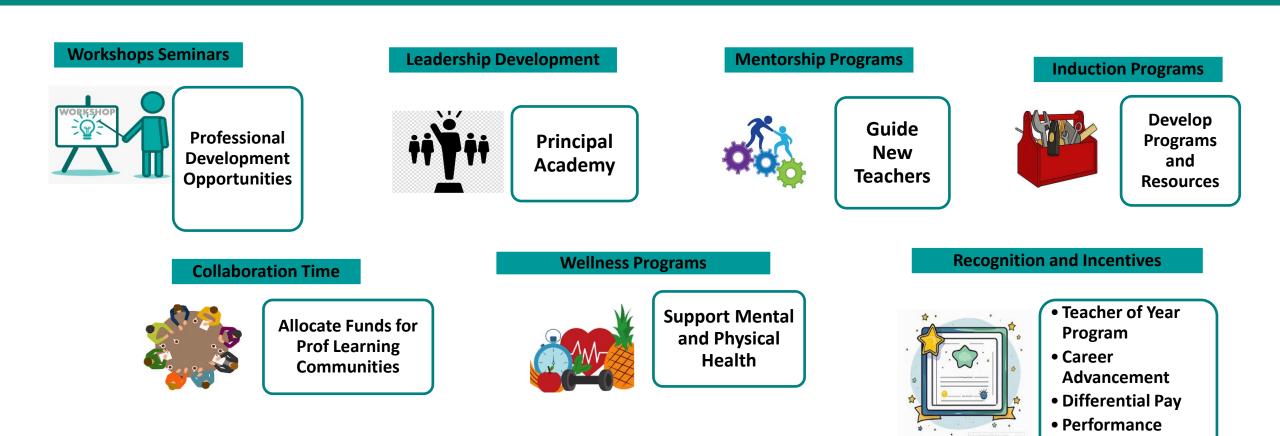
### **Recruitment Strategies**



### **Innovative Strategies for Retention**

1.	Ongoing Professional Development: Continuous Learning Opportunities
2.	Mentorship Programs: Support for New Teachers
3.	Positive Work Environment: Foster a Collaborative Culture
4.	Recognition and Rewards: Acknowledge and celebrate achievements

### **Retention Strategies**



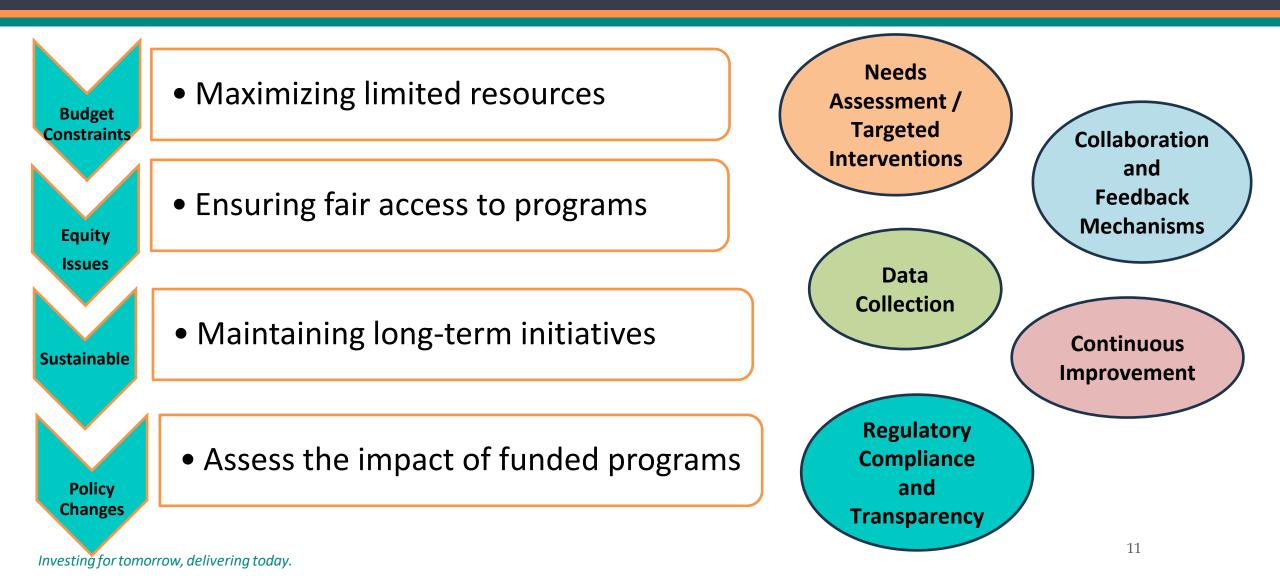
Bonuses

## Maximizing Title II, Part A Funds



ESSA Title II Part A Guidance Building Systems of Support for Excellent Teaching and Leading - October 7, 2016 (PDF)

### Challenges and Considerations



### Key Takeaways for Success

#### **Strategic Planning: Stakeholder Engagement:** • Align initiatives with Title II-A objectives Collaborate with all relevant parties • Identify hard-to-fill positions or schools with Strong Instructional Leadership high turnover rates • Involve teachers and principals a voice • Effectively attract/retain high-quality educators **Equity and Diversity** Diverse workforce reflect student population • Target schools with greatest need **Focus on Impact: Continuous Improvement:** • Prioritize initiatives directly enhance • Regularly assess & adjust programs recruitment and retention • Keep detailed records and document Mentoring and Induction how funds are used •Help teachers grow and stay engaged Transparency & Accountability in their career

# **Recruitment Strategies**

#### **Grow Your Own Programs:**

• Develop local talent by supporting paraprofessionals and high school students in obtaining teaching credentials.

#### **Incentive Programs:**

• Offer signing bonuses, relocation assistance, and loan forgiveness to attract educators, especially in high-need areas.

#### **University Partnerships:**

• Create teacher residency programs and provide stipends for student teachers to build a pipeline of new educators. (<u>NM EPP Programs</u>)

#### **Diverse Recruitment Efforts:**

• Launch targeted campaigns and participate in job fairs to recruit a diverse and talented pool of educators.

# **Retention Strategies**

#### **Ongoing Professional Development:**

• Fund workshops, seminars, and leadership programs to keep educators engaged and growing in their roles.

#### Mentorship and Induction Programs:

• Establish mentorship and comprehensive induction programs to support new teachers.

#### **Positive Work Environment:**

• Allocate funds for collaboration time and wellness programs to enhance job satisfaction and retention.

#### **Recognition and Rewards:**

• Implement recognition programs and offer career advancement opportunities to retain top talent.

#### Salary Enhancements:

• Provide differential pay and performance bonuses to reward excellence and encourage retention.

# **Additional Strategies:**

#### **Retention Surveys and Feedback:**

• Use exit interviews and climate surveys to identify and address retention issues.

#### Family and Community Engagement:

• Develop outreach programs and partnerships to build a supportive environment for educators.

#### **Technology and Resources:**

• Invest in classroom resources and technology training to keep educators effective and engaged.

#### **Social Media Platforms and Resources:**

- Highlight and celebrate the achievements of teachers and students.
- Encourage community members to take polls share experiences and suggestions for future initiatives.
- Promote upcoming training sessions, workshops, conferences funded by TIIA

### **Utilization of Funds**

### Suggested ways to utilize these funds before they expire:

- Signing Bonuses (New hires in High-Need subject areas i.e., SPED, STEM, Bilingual)
- Teacher Residency Programs
- > Stipends for teachers in hard to fill positions (specialization/remote location)
- Endorsement/course reimbursement
- > Continuing Education Units and Micro-Credential (L2 to L3 only) reimbursement

Notify your TIIA Liaison if updates need made to your application.

### Best Practices for Timely Reimbursement

### Submit Early and Submit Often

- The Title II Team carefully reviews every RFR in full. Submitting monthly or at least once a quarter will expedite reimbursement to your LEA.
- Please ensure that your requests include all required documents to expedite the reimbursement process.
  Complete documentation will help us to process and the district to receive funds more quickly.



### Title II, Part A – Timeline

February – March:	USDE Notification to New Mexico of Title II-A Funds
April – May:	Applications, Award Notifications, Budget Allocations
June – July:	Fiscal Year End – LEA Submission Deadlines
	SEA Approves Applications and Budgets
July:	Fiscal Year Start Up – LEAs launch professional development programs and other planned initiatives.
July – June:	SEA Monitors and Documents Progress
December – January:	Mentor/Mentee NOVA 80-Day Report
	January – March 2025-26 Unified Application

Fiscal Questions/Projected Carryover: Fiscal Grants Management Bureau

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NMPED Title II, Part A



### Questions and Discussion

