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Dear Colleague:

Please review these updates from the Office of Federal Programs.

- Office of Federal Programs Webinar:
 - Who: District staff working with Federal Programs
 - What: Webinar addressing Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant requirements, Using Evidence to Strengthen Educational Investments, and Resource Allocation Methodologies
 - When: June 9, 2017, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
 - Where: Your computer! Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6341611817143230465>
This webinar will be recorded.
- As just announced with the release of the FY18 CLIP Review rubric, the GaDOE has incorporated an additional date in its CLIP review team schedule of August 29-30, 2017, thus allowing districts an additional month for CLIP development and submission. As clarification, the CLIP must be submitted by July 31st for team review the first week of August or by August 28th for team review on August 29th and 30th. If circumstances require that a district should need time beyond August 28th, then a request can be made to the office of Federal Programs to establish a final submission date for the district. As in previous years, it is critical to be aware that access to Federal funds are dependent upon an approved CLIP and related program budgets.
- Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) documents have been posted to our websites:
 - **UPDATED!** Georgia Systems of Continuous Improvement and the CLIP: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/default.aspx>
 - **NEW!** Title IV, Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/SSAE.aspx>
- Registration for the 2017 Federal Programs Conference has re-opened for additional district staff and will remain open until June 7, 2017 at 12:00 PM (or until we reach capacity). Conference information is available here: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/Pages/FederalProgramsConference.aspx>
- During the Federal Programs Conference, there will be an opportunity for districts to meet with GaDOE teams to seek initial feedback and suggestions on selected portions of their FY18 CLIP. This will occur on Wednesday, June 21 between 4:00 and 5:30 pm. If your district is interested in participating in this optional opportunity, please complete the survey to choose a 30 minute time slot. These meetings will occur in the main dining area at the Marriott. If you reserve a time slot, remember to bring paper copies of what you would like to share with the team. We are suggesting that you choose 2 or 3 sections for review in this short time period. Reserve a space here: <https://form.jotform.us/71513400729147>



- As we transition to the requirements of the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA), notifying parents of a school designation status for the 2017-2018 school year has changed. Because Georgia’s 2015 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver expired, there is no longer a federal requirement for the notification to parents regarding Priority, Focus, and Reward School designations. Parent notification for school designation, Flexible Learning Program, and Public School Choice in regards to Priority and Focus Schools are not required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); therefore, these templates will not be updated for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Congratulations to the Second Cohort of LEAs accepted into the Consolidation of Funds Initiative. Thank you to Calhoun City Schools, Cartersville City Schools, Foothills Charter High School and Madison County for leading the way during the Pilot year. Letters of Intent will be accepted for the 2018-2019 school year starting January of 2018. If you have questions about the Consolidation of Funds Initiative, please reach out to Shaun Owen at 404-971-0096; sowen@doe.k12.ga.us.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at federalprograms@doe.k12.ga.us.

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