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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents  
FROM: Heather A. Bouchee, Ph.D., Interim Secretary of Education HB  
SUBJECT: Equity Supports eligibility under ESSA  
DATE: September 1, 2023

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### Purpose

You are receiving this memo because one or more of your schools or your SU/SD as a whole has been found eligible for Equity Supports per the Vermont State Plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

### Equity Supports Eligibility

Please see attached for the list of all eligible schools and SD/SUs statewide. Note that eligibility for Equity Supports is distinct from eligibility for Comprehensive Supports, which you may have already heard about as well.

Schools are eligible based on several performance metrics on the Vermont Annual Snapshot demonstrating a substantial gap between historically marginalized and historically privileged student groups. Delving into your own LEA snapshot should help you understand the specific gaps in your identified school(s).

Your community may have questions about what eligibility for Equity Supports means for your school. The Agency of Education's Education Quality Assurance team and your Education Quality Coordinator will help you learn more about what your school's eligibility means for your continuous improvement efforts.

Additionally, the agency has [Video Guides](#) to help Vermonters learn about the Annual Snapshot and to help school districts lead community conversations focused on continuous improvement.

If you choose to appeal your identification you have 45 days to submit this form [ESSA Accountability Appeal](#).

