

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents

FROM: Heather A. Bouchey, Ph.D., Interim Secretary of Education

SUBJECT: Updated Equity Supports Eligibility Under ESSA

DATE: November 9, 2023

Purpose

The SU/SDs found eligible for Equity Supports per the Vermont State Plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) have changed since first being identified in September 2023.

Equity Supports Eligibility

Accompanying this memo please find the updated list of all eligible schools and SD/SUs statewide. Note that eligibility for Equity Supports is distinct from eligibility for Comprehensive Supports.

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 15 days to submit the [ESSA Accountability Appeal Form](#).

