

Illinois' Waiver to NCLB Update

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What We Know:

- ◆ The Waiver is approved for SY15 and SY16
- ◆ AYP Reports are Dead; Multiple Measures Index is in
- ◆ ISAT is dead, PARCC is in for 3-8 and at least once in HS
- ◆ 3rd WorkKeys test is in—NCRC
- ◆ Value Table Growth metric for each school and district
- ◆ Unique targets for schools—based on reducing by 50% the percentage of students who are not proficient by 2020
- ◆ Unique targets for schools—based on reducing by 50% the percentage of subgroup achievement gaps by 2020
- ◆ No set-aside required for Choice or SES
- ◆ Subgroup size will be 30, down from the current 45
- ◆ Corrective Action Status is dead
- ◆ Restructuring Status is dead
- ◆ Priority and Focus Schools are the new de facto status designations. Illinois CSI is the contracted agent to work with designated schools
- ◆ There will be set-aside requirements for Priority and Focus schools
- ◆ Priority School designation will be in place for 3 years. Our schools are West, Kennedy, CICS, Beyer, and Kishwaukee. No other schools will be designated until after SY2016
- ◆ Focus School designation will be for three years. Once the schools are named, no other schools will be so designated
- ◆ Schools and districts that are not Focus or Priority will receive Foundational Services, which will consist of technical assistance, professional development, and networking
- ◆ ISAT and PSAT scores in 2014 will not be utilized for any status or sanction designation

What Is Being Resolved:

- ◇ How the Multiple Measures Index will be calculated. It will include Outcomes (graduation rates for 4 and 5 years, Achievement in ELA and Math, Subgroup Achievement Gap, and ACT/NCRC at the HS level), Progress over time (including growth), and Context, which includes climate, course offerings, and other indicators
- ◇ ESEA reauthorization is probably dead until after the next Presidential Election
- ◇ High School testing—the current proposal before the General Assembly is for testing 9, 10, 11, and 12
- ◇ Science testing at any grade level
- ◇ The durability of the Waiver. A change in control of the Senate in November 2014 could alter SY16's Waiver
- ◇ What the set-aside amounts and/or parameters are for Priority and Focus schools will be
- ◇ What the parameters are for designating Focus Schools. ISBE and USDOE continue to “dialogue” on the issue
- ◇ Title I and II budgets and forms for FY15 are being revamped in light of the waiver. They hope to have them available in a couple of weeks
- ◇ 21st CCLC grant parameters are being reviewed in light of the waiver