



**Department of Review and Support
Special Education Newsletter Updates**

The Department of Review and Support recognizes the immediate need to obtain information regarding the impact of local education agency (LEA) closures on Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) activities scheduled for Spring 2020.

The information below provides details to local education agencies (LEAs) on how DMS monitoring activities will be modified to meet their needs.

- **Cyclical Reviews** – Cycle I Group III LEAs scheduled to engage in Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) cyclical monitoring activities to occur between the months of April and June will be postponed until Fall 2020. LEAs will receive monitoring notifications prior to August 2020 to discuss rescheduling Cycle I Group III monitoring activities.
- **Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) Stakeholder Survey** – As of March 20, 2020, the Department of Review and Support has received approximately 2800 individual responses to the Cycle I Group II stakeholder survey conducted during comprehensive desk reviews. To ensure LEAs can focus on supporting students and staff during school closures, the survey window will close on March 23, 2020 as scheduled. For LEAs who have not had an opportunity to complete the survey, there will be no requirement to do so. The agency will use the qualitative data collected prior to closures as information provided to LEAs in the report.
- **Targeted Desk Reviews** – LEAs identified and scheduled to engage in a targeted desk review during Spring 2020 and have submitted student records to the Department of Review and Support will receive information regarding next steps after April 3, 2020.

LEAs identified and scheduled to engage in a targeted desk review during Spring 2020 and did not submit student records prior to March 16, 2020 to the Department of Review and Support will receive information regarding postponements to DMS monitoring activities (to begin Fall 2020) after April 3, 2020.

- **Targeted On-site Reviews** – LEAs identified and scheduled to receive a targeted on-site review during Spring 2020 or Fall 2020 have been canceled.
- **Strategic Support Plan (SSP) Teleconferences** – Teleconferences scheduled between March 16, 2020 and April 3, 2020 to support the development and implementation of the SSP have been suspended. SSP expectations for implementation and completion



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remain; however, LEAs will receive notifications regarding next steps and extending submission timelines after April 3, 2020.

- **Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Teleconferences** -Teleconferences scheduled between March 16, 2020 and April 3, 2020 to support the development and implementation of CAPs have been suspended. CAP expectations for implementation, timelines, and completion remain; however, LEAs will receive notifications regarding next steps and extending submission timelines after April 3, 2020. Please note, in accordance with OSEP, LEAs must correct noncompliance and submit supporting documentation to the Department of Review and Support no later than one year of written notification of noncompliance.

During the time of school closures, Review and Support staff is available to assist LEAs in fulfilling monitoring requirements.