

Good afternoon -

We wanted to provide you with a few updates related to our Division here at NCDPI:

The NC State Board approved during the January meeting new policies related to the use of the 7% School Improvement set aside from Title I funding. These funds are used for both Formula and Competitive type grants to LEAs, Charters, and Lab Schools.

***Comprehensive Support & Improvement Funding (CSI-PRC 105):***

PRC 105 has traditionally been referred to as "Priority School Funding". With the shift to ESSA the "Priority Schools" language changed to "Comprehensive Support & Improvement Schools" (CSI). The formula from the last cycle of funding (2015 - 2018) remains mostly the same. For the current cycle of CSI Schools, the allotment amounts have increased as the 4% school improvement set aside from Title I funds are being divided between 109 schools this cycle as compared to 130+ last cycle.

We are attaching to this email the Planning Allotments for the 109 identified CSI schools. This week these planning allotments will be loaded into the allotment system and should be visible next week in BAAS - once this happens the application will open within CCIP (grants management system). As has been the case for several years, the application for these formula funds will be completed within CCIP. Our vendor is processing the required changes to the current grant details section in CCIP as required by ESSA and should be available to complete mid-February. Once applications are approved within CCIP, the funding will be made available for immediate use.

***Targeted Support & Improvement Funding (TSI-PRC tbd):***

With the shift to ESSA the "Focus Schools" language changed to "Targeted Support & Improvement Schools" (TSI). This is the first time that we can recall the State providing direct financial funding for Focus / TSI identified Schools. Please note: this is a one time funding stream (using 3% of the Title I set aside for school improvement) that has a period of availability ending September 30, 2019. Due to the one time nature of this funding, the application for these formula funds will be brief and simply uploaded into CCIP. The PRC # has not been determined but the funds are set aside for equal distribution to all TSI-AT identified schools. The authoritative list for these identified schools may be found here: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/>

We are attaching the simplified TSI Application to this email for your review and further guidance will be provided next week regarding instructions on completing the document, uploading the document, and securing the allotted funds. If you have questions regarding TSI funding contact: Section Chief - Alex Charles at [alex.charles@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:alex.charles@dpi.nc.gov) (for the Western, Northwest, Southwest, & Piedmont-Triad Regions) or Section Chief - Susan Brigman at [susan.brigman@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.brigman@dpi.nc.gov) (for the Sandhills, North Central, Northeast, & Southeast Regions).

***Staffing:***

Sandhills Region: Dr. Thomas Benson joined our Consolidated Team as a Program Administrator in December. Thomas has served as a Teacher Assistant; Teacher; Principal and Assistant Superintendent.

Piedmont-Triad Region: Tina Letchworth joined our Consolidated Team as a Program Administrator in January. Tina has served as an Elementary Teacher; Elementary, Middle, and High School Principal; and most recently served as the Director of Federal Programs for Lenoir County Public Schools.

Western & Northwest Regions: Dr. Melissa Nixon also joined our Consolidated Team as a Program Administrator this month. Melissa has served as an Elementary Teacher; Elementary Assistant Principal; Elementary Principal; and most recently served as Director of Title I for Guilford County Schools.

Federal Program Office: Richard Trantham has been promoted to Administrative Assistant II following the recent retirement of Paula Langill.

*We're happy to share that for the first time in at least 5 years, our Consolidated Team is now fully staffed. For your review we are attaching the most current Federal Program Contact Sheet and Organizational Chart.*

***Teacher Loan Forgiveness:***

Toni Warrick (Program Administrator for the Southeast Region) is also responsible for the Teacher Loan Forgiveness program. The following information should be shared, as you see fit, with teachers in your district to afford them the opportunity to submit a Teacher Loan Forgiveness application (if they meet the requirements). Staff may contact Toni at [toni.warrick@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:toni.warrick@dpi.nc.gov) or 919-807-3595 to verify if they qualify to apply for Teacher Loan Forgiveness. The below links will take staff to information about Teacher Loan Forgiveness.

NCDPI website listing under Federal Programs:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/loan-forgiveness/>

TCLI Directory to search for low income schools. This website is managed by the Federal Government.

[https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action?\\_ga=2.157072571.1210437856.1526489328-878568248.1525295669](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action?_ga=2.157072571.1210437856.1526489328-878568248.1525295669)

***Title III:***

Across the State, the immigrant headcount window opens February 1 and closes February 22. The US Department of Education allocates a portion of funding to states based upon the share of immigrant children and youth in the state. The term "immigrant children and youth," which is defined in section 3201(5) of Title III, refers to individuals who: (A) are aged 3 through 21; (B) were not born in any \*State; and (C) have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years. Under section 3114(d)(1) States make subgrants to LEAs/charters based entirely on the LEA/charter share of LEP students. The State of North Carolina uses data provided by the LEA to determine whether the LEA has experienced a significant increase, as compared to the average of the two preceding fiscal years, in the percentage of immigrant children and youth.

It is the responsibility of the ESL/EL point of contact in each district or charter to review, edit, and submit immigrant records by February 22, 2019. Please contact Susan Walz ([susan.walz@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:susan.walz@dpi.nc.gov)) with any questions.

Let us know how we may support you...

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## Attachments

- [PRC 105 - Planning Allotments 2018-19.pdf](#)
- [TSI Funding Application - 2019.docx](#)
- [NCDPI Federal Programs Contact List Jan-19.pdf](#)



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