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CCIP Note # 425

Re: Release of the One Needs Assessment Prototype
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To: Superintendents/CCIP Authorized Representatives and Treasurers/CCIP Fiscal Representatives of Public Schools, Consolidated Funding Application Contacts, Community Schools, STEMs, and ESCs

The Ohio Department of Education has unveiled a prototype comprehensive needs assessment tool to replace the Decision Framework and other needs assessment tools used across the Department. This new "One Needs Assessment" component is designed to get all users accustomed to identifying all their needs in a single location within a standardized timeline. The first-version (or beta testing version) of the One Needs Assessment component is intended to assist in the design and development of a final One Needs Assessment component to be part of the Education Department's System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports (ED STEPS) system.

The first-version of the One Needs Assessment tool is now available in the Ohio ID Portal. All schools and districts are encouraged to begin using the new tool to identify their needs to drive a focused continuous improvement plans. However, only districts and schools selected for the ED STEPS three-year planning pilot group are required to use the first version of the tool starting January 2020 for improvement plans used for the 2020-2021 school year. Beginning January 2021, all schools and districts will be required to use the One Needs Assessment tool for plans submitted for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

Resources

Support and training resources can be accessed on the One Needs Assessment website which can be accessed here. These resources include:

- One Needs Assessment User's Manual
- One Needs Assessment Glossary
- One Needs Assessment Frequently Asked Questions
- One Needs Assessment Navigation Walkthrough Video

One Needs Assessment Trainings
Several State Support Teams will be offering trainings on the use of the new One Needs Assessment tool. State Support Teams contact information is located here to discuss training opportunities.

Questions
For questions on the new One Needs Assessment tool, please email EDSTEPS.OneNeedsAssessment@education.ohio.gov.

For general questions about ED STEPS, please email EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.