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CCIP Note # 426

Re: Updated Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools
Date: 01/21/2020
To: Superintendents/CCIP Authorized Representatives and Treasurers/CCIP Fiscal Representatives of Public Schools, Consolidated Funding Application Contacts, Community Schools, and STEMs

The U.S. Department of Education has released new guidance regarding Prayer in Schools. Section 8524(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires that, as a condition of receiving ESEA funds, a local educational agency (LEA) must certify in writing to its State educational agency (SEA) that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as detailed in the updated guidance. Please click here for more information.