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Re: ED STEPS One Plan Cohorts Assignments
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To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Title I Directors/Coordinators and Consolidated Application Contacts for Public Districts, Community Schools, ESCs, DDs, STEMs and State Supported Organizations

ED STEPS One Plan Cohorts Assignments

The Department is excited to announce the release of district assignments to the One Plan Cohorts as part of the ED STEPS project. Under the ED STEPS process, districts are assigned to one of three Cohorts to transition to three-year plans and annual funding applications.

Currently the Department is piloting the three-year planning with 40 school districts. The 40 pilot districts were selected based on several criteria including size, typology, region, etc. The information learned from the pilot year will assist the Department in providing supports to the districts and making enhancements to the prototype One Needs Assessment tool and current planning tool in the CCIP and will be used in the development of the ED STEPS system.

Starting January 2021, the first Cohort will begin the three-year planning process which includes identifying needs for the three-year period in the One Needs Assessment tool and developing a plan to serve for three years (school years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024). Each year, the Cohort districts will need to submit a funding application that supports the three-year plan.

Districts were assigned to the One Plan Cohorts randomly from the criteria used for the pilot districts to ensure each Cohort is well-balanced and diverse. A link to the Cohort assignments is here. A Cohort Assignment Summary document is found here and may also be accessed on the ED STEPS website. This document provides information on the purpose, expectations and assignment methodology.

Please direct any questions about the cohorts or the ED STEPS process to EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.