CCIP Note #584

Re: Preparing for the FY27 Consolidated Application
Date: May 27, 2026
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts of Local Educational Agencies

PREPARING FOR THE FY27 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

This CCIP Note is intended to support districts as they prepare for the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Consolidated application. A future CCIP Note will announce when the FY27 Consolidated application is available to districts. The Consolidated application will remain in Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP) for FY27. The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) anticipates loading the following FY27 Consolidated application preliminary allocations into the CCIP during the week of June 8-12:

- Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C: Migrant Education Program
- Title I, Part D Subpart 2: Neglected
- Title I, Part D Subpart 2: Delinquent
- Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III: English Learners
- Title III: Immigrant Students
- Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title V, Part B: Rural Education Achievement Program
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Early Childhood

DEW will load the Consolidated allocations on the same day to minimize revisions that districts need to complete. Districts must submit their Consolidated application in Authorized Representative Approved status by July 1, 2026 to establish a July 1 Substantial Approval Date. Please note, while the FY27 Consolidated application will stay in the CCIP, districts will complete all other FY27 grant applications in the One Funding Application (OFA) within the Education Department's System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports (ED STEPS).

FY27 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION CHANGES

The FY27 Consolidated application will be very similar to prior years. However, DEW plans to make small enhancements to make the Consolidated application easier to navigate. In addition, DEW plans to make small changes to align to recent U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) guidance. Some of the changes include:

- Instructions on the Title I-A Building Eligibility page

- Instructions for Title I-A Schoolwide Consolidation/Pooling
- Title II-A program description boxes and assurances
- Improved instructions for parent engagement district set aside reservations
- Simplified language in the general assurances for Superintendents to certify that the district does not prohibit constitutionally protected prayer
- Updates to the Grant Award Notice to provide clarity on summer or extended school year programs and pre-approval requirements.
- Improved ESEA and IDEA Consolidated Application Checklist.

Click here for information on the FY27 Consolidated Application Changes.

Click here to see the ESEA and IDEA Consolidated Application Checklist.

Note on Potential ESEA Waiver: DEW also plans to propose a waiver to the USDOE to relieve districts from certain regulatory burdens and requirements. See DEW's opportunity for public comment. If DEW submits the ESEA waiver request to USDOE and the waiver is approved, there could be additional changes to the FY27 Consolidated application to implement the flexibilities in the ESEA waiver. These changes would occur after the preliminary allocations.

"ADDITIONAL" REPURPOSED FUNDS

This year, DEW will also provide "additional"/repurposed ESEA funds at the same time as the preliminary allocations, rather than in the Spring as has occurred in prior years. The additional funds are forfeited/returned funds from LEAs that DEW reallocates to use prior to the State's obligation deadline. The goal of providing additional/repurposed funding is to ensure these funds continue to benefit Ohio's schools and students, rather than being returned to the U.S. Treasury. In prior years, DEW sent the additional funds in the Spring, which caused extra revisions and administrative burden for the districts. By timing up additional allocations with preliminary allocations, LEAs that receive additional/repurposed funds will be able to budget the funds at the same time as their new year award in June for a July 1 Substantially Approved Date.

NEXT STEPS TO PREPARE

The preliminary Consolidated allocations will load during the week of June 8-12. Districts can take steps now to prepare for the FY27 Consolidated application. Districts can:

- Ensure the One Plan is aligned to needs and funding sources. The district can edit the One Plan at any time within the Education Department System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports (ED STEPS).
- Review information on the ESEA grants on the OFP website and ESEA Resource guide.
- Review the information on the FY27 Consolidated Application Changes and ESEA and IDEA Consolidated Application Checklist.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

The United States Department of Education has released several Dear Colleague letters and guidance over the course of the past year. Most recently, USDOE released two Dear Colleague letters reminding districts of the flexibilities already available in the law around Transferability and Alternative Fund Use Authority (AFUA). To see a full listing of these recent guidance documents, navigate to the CCIP Document Library, ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act folder, USDOE General Information subfolder, and click on General Guidance.

If you have questions, please reach out to your Federal Programs Specialist, listed as the Consolidated contact in the CCIP Address Book.