



Montana Office of Public Instruction 2017-18 Schoolwide Plan Update Guidance

With the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, the Montana Office of Public Instruction has the opportunity to work with its stakeholders to develop one consolidated state plan that covers a variety of state and federal programs. This new state plan will cover such areas as Title I, Title II, Title III, Special Education, etc. Right now, there are also many plans that districts and schools have to develop in order to receive state and federal funding. Four of those plans are the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP), Title I Improvement Planning, Title I Schoolwide Planning, and Improvement Plans for Career and Technical Education. The OPI and its stakeholder groups are working to combine as many of these plans as possible into one overall school improvement plan. As a result of this work, the yearly update of schoolwide plans for those districts which have schools operating under a schoolwide Title I program has been postponed. Please do not begin work on the 2017-18 plans even though the plans are open under the CSIP. The OPI had to open those plans to allow work on the 2016-17 plans. Districts and schools are still responsible for conducting regular schoolwide Title I planning meetings, reviewing benchmark and progress monitoring data, evaluating, and changing schoolwide plans when needed. This information will need to be entered at a later date into the updated CSIP for 2017-18. If you have questions, please contact the Shawna Pieske, Jack O'Connor, or Heather Denny in the Title I Unit at 406-444-5660.