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To: CSI Administrators and School Board Presidents
From: Amanda Peterson, Director, Educational Improvement and Support
Date: July 10, 2023
Re: Senate Bill 2254 Implications for CSI Schools

On April 24, 2023, [Senate Bill 2254](#) (SB 2254) was filed with the Secretary of State and became law. As a reminder, the North Dakota Legislature passes legislation and, afterward, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) is tasked with implementing laws as they were intended. SB 2254 pertains to schools that have been previously identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement via the North Dakota accountability framework. North Dakota schools are identified once every three years for [Comprehensive Support and Improvement \(CSI\)](#) and annually for [Targeted Support and Improvement \(TSI\)](#). CSI schools were last identified in September 2022 and will again be identified in September 2025. At that time, NDDPI policy and the MOUs discussed in SB 2254 will go into effect with those schools that have been identified as CSI in two consecutive cycles.

State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler and the NDDPI team would like to communicate the proposed timeline for policy development and input:

September 2022 – August 2025

- CSI schools identified in 2022 will continue to follow CSI expectations and requirements with the intent to make enough growth throughout three years of strategic interventions to progress and exit.

May 2023 – October 2023

- NDDPI is engaging in consultation and feedback to receive input as it works to develop policies and procedures around SB 2254, specifically during the below events:
 - [Tribal Consultations](#)
 - September 7: CSI Training Event
 - September 19: K12 Coordination Council meeting
 - September 27: ESSA Implementation Committee
- NDDPI will draft policies and procedures to effectively implement SB 2254.

September 7, 2023 – Required CSI Training in Bismarck (located at BSC – National Energy Center of Excellence)

- CSI schools will be presented with data that will show their overall growth and trends and will be asked to continue to refine their change practices and improvement plans.

January 2024 – March 2024

- Information will be communicated to education stakeholders outlining the SB 2254 process and a public comment period will be available for North Dakota citizens to provide input.
- Responses and feedback will again be considered, and adjustments will be made to the draft policy.

March 2024

- ESSA Committee will be presented a final draft of the NDDPI policy and plan to govern SB 2254.

September 2024

- CSI schools will be presented with data that will show their overall growth and trends and will be asked to continue to refine their change practices and improvement plans.
- NDDPI will provide a status update regarding SB 2254 policy and procedures.

August 2025 – September 2028

- NDDPI identifies a new cohort of CSI schools based on accountability data.
- CSI schools will be presented with data that will show their overall growth and trends and will be asked to continue to refine their change practices and improvement plans.
- Any CSI school that is identified in the second consecutive cycle in August/September 2025 is subject to the interventions described in SB 2254 and the official policy that will drive SB 2254 implementation.

The NDDPI strives to uphold the vision that “all students will graduate choice ready with the knowledge, skills, and disposition to be successful” which drives all initiatives and policies throughout the department. Please know that we plan to work with all education stakeholders throughout this process. The NDDPI is hopeful that the current cohort of CSI schools will effectively implement change practices through the School Renewal support framework being implemented and exit CSI status without further intervention. Although NDDPI, and the Office of Educational Improvement and Support specifically, is responsible for the oversight of TSI and CSI, we always welcome feedback. If you have questions regarding this information, please contact [Amanda Peterson](#) at (701) 328-3545.