

OFP Highlights



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NEW STAFF

Welcome Aboard... We are pleased to welcome new staff in the Office of Federal Programs. These individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our office.

- **Dr. Rajeeni Clay-Scott**, Title II and Title VI Coordinator.
- **Tiffany Jones**, Neglected and Delinquent and Homeless Education Coordinator
- **Gwendolyn King**, Migrant Education and Title III Coordinator

FINAL TITLE I, PART A & TITLE II, PART A ALLOCATIONS

The final FY17 allocations are in the process of being reviewed by the US Department of Education. Once we receive the feedback, the allocations will be released in MCAPS.

CSPR SURVEYS DEADLINE

Thank you for submitting your CSPR Surveys. If your district has not submitted the Title I, Neglected and Delinquent and Title VI – Rural and Low-Income Schools surveys, please [click here](#) to access the surveys or go to the Office of Federal Programs' webpage and click on the CSPR Survey button.

For more information, please contact Mariea B. Jackson at mbanks@mdek12.org or call 601-359-3499.

COMMITTEE OF PRACTITIONERS

According to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1603(b) and No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Section 1903(b) "Each State educational agency that receives funds under this title shall create a committee of practitioners to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities under this title."

It further states, "the duties of such committee shall include a review, before publication, of any proposed or final State rule or regulation pursuant to this title. In an emergency situation where such rule or regulation must be issued within a very limited time to assist local educational agencies with the operation of the program under this title, the State educational agency may issue a regulation without prior consultation, but shall immediately thereafter convene the State committee of practitioners to review the emergency regulation before issuance in final form."

If you are interested in serving on the Committee of Practitioners, please submit the Committee of Practitioners Application along with a resume by **Friday, February 3, 2017** at federalprograms2@mdek12.org. For your convenience [click here](#) to complete the application.

ESSA JOINT FISCAL CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Offices of Federal Programs and Special Education are hosting an *ESSA Joint Fiscal Conference*, **March 7-8, 2017** at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, MS. Presenters from the law firm of Brustein & Manasevit, PLLC will provide information on Grants Management and the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. This professional development is geared toward federal program directors, special education directors, and business managers.

Each district will be able to register three (3) participants. Please [click here](#) to register by February 28, 2017.



RURAL AND LOW-INCOME REALLOCATION PROCESS

On November 10, 2016, the State Board of Education approved the Title VI – Rural and Low-Income Schools Reallocation Process to minimize the occurrence of unliquidated funds due to school districts failing to expend and/or request reimbursement for the full amount of funds that they are awarded. Beginning with the FY17 Rural and Low-Income Schools Project, school districts will be required to expend 85 percent of each award year’s allocation within the first 15 months (September 30th). School districts will be allowed to carryover up to 15 percent in the last 12 months of the grant. Any district that exceeds the carryover limit will have their allocation reduced. These funds will then be reallocated to other districts based on the attached process. Reallocated funds must be used to implement high impact activities focused on improving academic outcomes for students.

For more information, please [click here](#).