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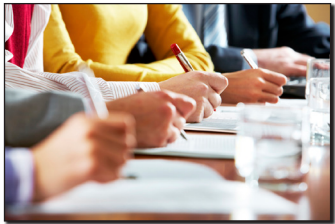
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ESSA National Advisory Board Completes Initial Review of Parent Notices for ESSA

The 40+ member ESSA National Advisory Board has completed their initial review of ESSA notices. Learn more about how TransACT is supporting state and district parent notice compliance needs in the ESSA era (see page 2).

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The new TransACT for English Learners collection aligns with the new USED-DOJ guidance for serving English Learners. This collection is available in 10 languages (see page 3).



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The U.S. Department of Education (USED) released a Frequently Asked Questions document with guidance related to transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act. According to the FAQ, during the transition year to ESSA (2016-2017 School Year) the USED will not be enforcing the Highly Qualified Teacher parent notification requirements under Title I. However, parent notifications related to teacher qualifications are still required.

Here's what you need to know:

1. No parent notices that include information related to the NCLB requirements for Highly Qualified Teachers will be required during the 2016-2017 School Year.
2. HOWEVER, Parent notices related to Teacher Qualifications are still required.
3. TransACT will have the appropriate Teacher Qualification notices that reference State certification and licensure available by August 1, 2016 to meet compliance needs.

USED FAQ

The USED released a FAQ titled "Transitioning to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)" updated May 4, 2016. This FAQ provides a significant amount of information related to requirements of NCLB that will not be enforced during the transition year to ESSA. Included is reference to a number of parent notices that will not be required. Those notices are currently available to TransACT subscribers, but will be removed for the 2016-2017 SY when they are no longer needed.

It is important to note, however, that even though the notices related to Highly Qualified Teacher requirements will not be required during the 2016-2017 SY, notifications related to teacher qualifications are still required.

NCLB required that schools notify parents that they may request information related to their students' teacher qualifications. That notification is still required under ESSA at the beginning of each school year. Under NCLB this was tied to the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements outlined under Title II. Under ESSA, it is now tied to State certification and licensure.

TransACT is ready. TransACT's ESSA National Advisory Board has been actively reviewing parent notices required under ESSA and we will have the two required teacher qualifications notices available at the start of the 2016-2017 SY.

If you have any question or would like more information about what TransACT is doing to transition to the ESSA, please contact us at 425.977.2100, Option 3 or email at support@transact.com.

ESSA National Advisory Board Completes Initial Review of Parent Notices for ESSA

At the beginning of this year, TransACT formed a National Advisory Board with the purpose of assisting in the identification and development of parent notices required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Every Student Succeeds Act is the most recent reauthorization of the original federal education law called the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. There are approximately 50 State and District education leaders that are actively participating in ESSA National Advisory Board activities.

The ESSA National Advisory Board held its first meeting in March, with subsequent meetings in April and May, and will continue to meet monthly for about a year. Dr. David Holbrook and Dr. Forest Hertlein initially identified 87 notices and forms that would form the basis of an ESSA parent notice collection. These forms were crafted and then submitted to ESSA National Advisory Board (NAB) members for review, edits, changes, comments, etc. During the course of review, NAB members suggested an additional 8 documents that have been developed and included in the ESSA Compliance Collection, bringing the total number of ESSA parent notices to 95.

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We are excited about the progress that has been made on the ESSA Compliance Collection and greatly appreciate the efforts of ESSA NAB members! In July a smaller focus group will continue with a more detailed look at each notice during a face-to-face meeting in Seattle. This smaller group will also be considering other factors, such as which notices must be legally reviewed, what are the priority languages for translation of the ESSA Compliance Collection, and what other compliance tools would assist education administrators to increase efficiency related to parent notification compliance requirements.

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