

# LEA Determinations Stakeholder Meeting #2

February 26, 2024

# Agenda

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# LEA Determinations Survey Results

- 14 total responses
- All 14 responders indicated to keep the n size at 5 for SPP 1, 5a, and 6a
- Responders did indicate a desire to look at grouping LEAs by size.
  - ISBE explored this method but found it would be extremely difficult to identify a good dividing line to cut each size group off at to keep each group equitable.
- ISBE will keep the n-size of 5 for SPP Indicators 1, 5a and 6a.
- ISBE will not use an n-size for SPP Indicators 11, 12 and/or 13.
- ISBE will not group LEAs by size.
- ISBE will add a data validity and reliability component to LEA Determinations (more information to come).

# LEA Determinations Updates

- LEA Determinations will still be issued in early **September**.
- Data for Indicators **11, 12, and 13** will need to be finalized in I-Star or SIS by **July 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- If data is entered after this date, it will not be included in the LEA Determinations.
- ISBE is working on providing each LEA the opportunity to view their LEA Determination in I-Star prior to the issuing of final determinations.
- If there is an issue or question regarding the data, this will be time that those issues will be addressed.
- Once LEA Determinations are issued there will be no changes to the determinations.

# LEA Determinations Updates

- LEAs who are determined to be Meet Requirements or Needs Assistance for 1 year will continue to receive Tier 1 Universal Supports.
- LEAs who are determined to be Needs Assistance 2 or more years (NA2), will continue to receive Tier 2 Targeted Supports and complete the following requirements:
  - Assemble and convene a District Accountability Team.
  - Review data related to those compliance indicators and results elements for which the LEA received a score of zero.
  - Access state and/or national technical assistance resources and develop action steps to address the scores of zero.
  - Submit plan to the ISBE SPP Coordinator regarding the technical assistance sources from which the district received support and the action steps the district took as a result.
- LEAs who are determined to be Needs Intervention for 1 year or 2 years will see changes.
  - These changes are still being finalized, however these district will no longer require Tier 3 Supports nor be required to complete Tier 3 action steps.

# LEA Determinations Updates

- Districts who are determined to be Needs Intervention for 3 or more years (NI3) or Needs Substantial Intervention, will receive Tier 3 Intensive Supports and are required to complete the following steps:
  - Assemble and convene a District Accountability Team.
  - Review data related to those compliance indicators and results indicators for which the LEA received a score of zero or one and conduct a root cause analysis to address identified need(s).
  - Access intensive support resources and develop appropriate action steps.
  - Submit a Corrective Action Plan to the assigned ISBE special education consultant that addresses both compliance-based issues and results-based issues and identifies what actions the district will implement as a result of the finding(s) of noncompliance and low performance scores.
  - LEAs will be **required** to work with the [Illinois Elevating Special Educators \(IESE\) Network](#).
  - Complete two formal progress report reviews and submit them to the assigned ISBE special education consultant to verify district plan implementation.
- LEAs who have findings of noncompliance for SPP **Indicators 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, and/or 13** will still be required to complete corrective action steps to ensure the noncompliance has been corrected and no further noncompliance has occurred.

# Cyclical Monitoring Updates

- Each LEA will be placed into 6 different cohorts based on various risk factors which are currently being finalized.
  - Below are preliminary risk factors being considered:
    - LEA Determinations
    - Number of complaints with findings
    - Fiscal findings
    - Percent of special education students (state average is 17%)
    - Percentage of students in Indicator 5c
- The cohort groups will be posted on ISBEs website once finalized.
- LEAs who will be included in cohort 1 will receive a letter of notification early this fall.
  - LEAs included in cohort 1 will be required to complete a self-assessment which is currently being reviewed by one of our OSEP funded TA Centers.
  - LEAs will be provided training on the self-assessment and the cyclical monitoring process.

# Cyclical Monitoring Updates

ISBE plans to include a smaller sample of LEAs during the first cohort. (approx. 50 LEAs)

The remaining cohorts will include 100-150 LEAs.

ISBE is exploring ways to group LEAs by Coop, if possible.

LEAs can be moved into another cohort if a change is deemed necessary due to credible allegations or additional data reviews.



# Next Steps

ISBE will work on finalizing data validity/reliability component of LEA Determinations.

ISBE will work on finalizing cyclical monitoring cycle and cohort groups.

ISBE will schedule another meeting with this group for late April/early May to review finalized information.



# Questions?

Thank you