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# ESSA: Let's Talk



# What is ESSA?

- New federal education law (Dec. 10, 2015)
- Purpose: To provide significant opportunity for all students to receive fair, equitable, and high-quality education
- Replaces NCLB and Flexibility Waivers
- Rolling implementation
- Requires states to submit plan to U.S. Ed



# Major Components

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Assessment and Standards
- Accountability System
- School Improvement and Student Support
- Data and Reporting



## Major Component: Stakeholder Engagement

- SD started with four work groups (last spring)
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of meetings: information sharing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of meetings (now): solicit input
- Public hearing: Board of Education
- Board and Governor approval of plan
- Plan submitted September 2017



## Major Component: Standards

- States must have challenging academic standards
- U.S. Ed cannot require specific standards
- SD remains committed to high quality standards
- ELA and math standards revision and review currently underway



## Major Component: Assessment

- States required to assess ELA and math standards in grades 3-8, once at high school
- States required to assess science standards once in grades 3-5, once in 6-9, once in 10-12
- 95% participation of all students, subgroups still required



## Major Component: Accountability

- Accountability system must be based on state standards and assessments
- System must be consistent across schools
- Indicators must differentiate among schools
- System used to identify schools for state and district support; recognition



## Major Component: Accountability

- Elementary and Middle School:
  - Three academic indicators required
    - Student Achievement (state test)
    - Academic Growth (state test)
    - English Language Proficiency (new requirement\*)
  - Additional indicator required
    - School Quality or Student Success