

# West Virginia PTA

## College and Career Readiness Initiative

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## Secretary DeVos Approves West Virginia ESSA Plan

WASHINGTON - U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced the approval of West Virginia's consolidated state plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

"States continue to embrace the flexibility and power given to them under ESSA," said Secretary DeVos. "I am pleased to approve this plan, which complies with the requirements of the law. I look forward to seeing how the state turns ideas into action to improve outcomes for all students."

Allowing states more flexibility in how they deliver education to students is at the core of ESSA. West Virginia crafted a plan that it feels will best offer educational opportunities to meet the needs of the state and its students. The following are some of the unique elements from West Virginia's approved plan:



- Plans to reduce the number of non-proficient students, overall and for each subgroup, in half by 2030.
- Provides LEAs access to evidence-based interventions and professional development based on performance on individual indicators within the Statewide Accountability System, so that any school struggling with a single indicator receives support.

"The intent of our ESSA plan is to be a catalyst for economic growth and development in West Virginia. Our goal is to ensure that every student is provided the opportunity to be successful after graduating high school in their chosen career and/or post-secondary endeavors. Our comprehensive system will individualize support and capitalize on a network of education partnerships, while supporting Gov. Jim Justice's focus on education and economic development," said Steven Paine, West Virginia's state superintendent of schools.



### **WV PTA ESSA Resources/Contacts**

Check out the wonderful resources from National PTA and West Virginia about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and the implementation of our federal education law on our state PTA website: [www.westvirginiapta.org](http://www.westvirginiapta.org). Contact any one of our team members today to schedule a workshop at your school!

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### **It's Time to Set Up Your FREE Presentation about College and Career Readiness!**

Email or call us today to set up a FREE workshop at your next PTA meeting! We will bring the food! Our team will also present information to your community, do workshops at your local libraries, or set up information tables at your next parent-teacher conferences!

Email: [takeaction@westvirginiapta.org](mailto:takeaction@westvirginiapta.org) or contact anyone from our team about setting up a FREE workshop at your school!