

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARKANSAS COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS of the HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION and SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Senator Joyce Elliott
Senate Chair

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House Chair

REPORT of the Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans to the Senate Interim Committee on Education and the House Interim Committee on Education

May 13, 2014

Senator Johnny Key, Chair
Senate Interim Committee
on Education

Representative James McLean, Chair
House Interim Committee
on Education

Chairman Key and Chairman McLean:

At their joint meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education authorized their respective chairs to establish and appoint a Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans to review issues associated with the creation, implementation, and monitoring of school and school district Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (hereafter referred to as ACSIP Plans) as required by Arkansas Code § 6-15-419. The Subcommittee is to be composed of:

- Three (3) members of the House Interim Committee on Education
- Three (3) members of the Senate Interim Committee on Education

The following members of the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education were appointed to serve as members of the Joint Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans:

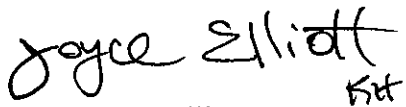
Senator Joyce Elliott, Chair	Representative Les Carnine, Chair
Senator Bruce Holland	Representative James Ratliff
Senator Jim Hendren	Representative Bruce Cozart

The Subcommittee met on the following dates:

February 3, 2014
April 14, 2014

The Subcommittee reviewed the current Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plans (ACSIP) process, and received testimony from representatives of the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), school districts, and other interested parties. At its April 14th meeting, the Subcommittee received and reviewed a proposal from ADE for a pilot program regarding revisions to the ACSIP process. A copy of this proposal, *Arkansas Department of Education Proposal for ACSIP Pilot Program*, is attached. By consensus, the Subcommittee agreed that the proposed pilot program offered the best solution for testing possible revisions to the ACSIP process and would return its focus to enhancing student achievement rather than serving as a compliance document. The Subcommittee encouraged the ADE to proceed with implementation of the pilot program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Joyce Elliott
Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Les Carmine in cursive, with the initials "LC" written below the signature.

Representative Les Carmine
Co-Chair

Attachment

Arkansas Department of Education Proposal
for
ACSIP Pilot Program

Pilot

2014

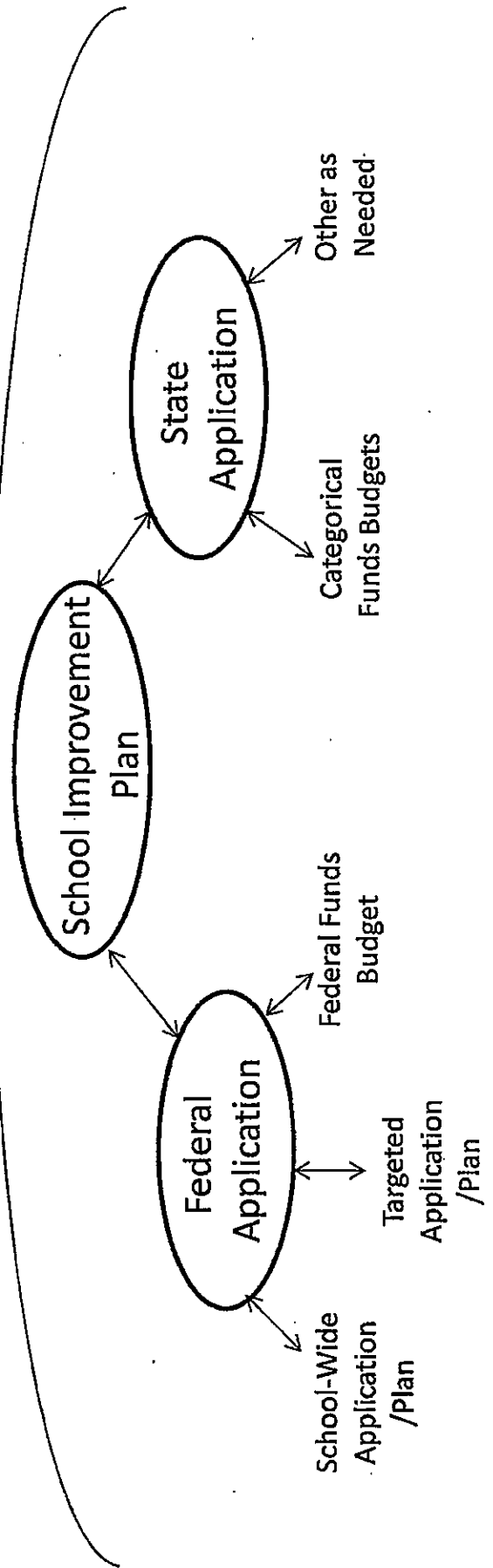
- April – May Pursue volunteers to pilot new ACSIP (Indistar) process and software.
- May Provide training to administrators (pilot) on Improvement Planning processes (Indistar).
- June Provide training to administrators and federal coordinators (pilot) on funding (consolidated federal and state categorical) applications processes (Indistar).
- September 30th Pilot districts submit 2014 - 2015 Improvement Plans (Indistar), but allowing Program Amendments during pilot year. Pilot volunteers will also start developing their 2015 - 2016 (next school year's) Improvement Plans (Indistar).
- October 1st Pilot district submit funding (consolidated federal and state categorical) applications (Indistar) for Substantial Compliance. All non-pilot districts will submit their 2014 – 2015 ACSIP (current software) as in the past.
- October Pilot districts funding applications are reviewed for Substantial Compliance and then approved applications are released to school districts for Program Adjustments (budget). All non-pilot districts ACSIP's (current software) are also reviewed.
- January 31st Pilot districts submit 2014 - 2015 funding (consolidated federal and state categorical) applications (Indistar) for Final Approval.
- Feb. – March Provide training to all school administrators and all federal coordinators on School Improvement Planning and funding (consolidated federal and state categorical) applications processes (Indistar).
- March – June All districts and schools complete School Improvement Plans and funding applications (Indistar) for 2015 - 2016 (upcoming school year).
- May 1st All non-pilot districts submit ACSIP (current software), as in the past.
- June 30th All districts submit new ACSIP (Indistar) for 2015 - 2016 school year's (upcoming school year) for Substantial Compliance.
- July Substantial Compliance granted or components of ACSIP sent back for Program Amendments (actions).
- Sept. – June All districts and schools start developing 2016 - 2017 (next school year's) Improvement Plans.

2016

- January 31st 2015 – 2016 Program Adjustments (budget) submitted for Final Approval
- March – June All districts develop funding applications ACSIP (Indistar) for 2016 – 2017 school year
- June 30th All districts submit ACSIP (Indistar) for 2016 - 2017 school year
- July Substantial Compliance granted or components of ACSIP (Indistar) sent back for Program Amendments

April May	Districts Volunteer for Pilot
May	Train on School Improvement (Pilot Districts)
June	Train on Applications (Pilot Districts)
Sept. 30	Improvement Plan due (Pilot Districts)
Oct. 1	Funding Applications due for Substantial Compliance (Pilot)
Oct. 1	2014-2015 ACSIP Due (All Non-Pilot Districts)
Jan. 31 2015	Final Approval Granted (Pilot Districts)
Feb. March	Train all Districts on Indistar
March June	All Districts complete 2015-2016 ACSIP Budgets (Indistar)
June 30	All 2015-2016 ACSIP's Due (Indistar)
July	Substantial Compliance Granted for All Districts
Sept. June	All 2016-2017 ACSIP's being Developed
Jan. 31 2016	2015-2016 ACSIP's Final Approval Granted for All Districts

ACSIP



ACSIP Pilot Program
Draft Budget Worksheets

Salaries and Benefits

Purchase Services

Capital Outlay

Materials and Supplies

