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**Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent**

*"Educating Georgia's Future"*

Dear superintendents,

Following the approval of Georgia's ESSA state plan on January 18, we're able to move fully into implementation. To begin that process, **I'm pleased to share that GaDOE is releasing updates and enhancements to the CLIP (Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan).**

As you know, the CLIP is Georgia's consolidated district application for federal funds. During the initial CLIP rollout in FY18, we had the opportunity to gather feedback from many of your districts and make refinements to the process to better serve you.

**Updates to the CLIP for FY19 include:**

- A new online CLIP application that is fully integrated within the State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) – this option will give you seamless access to your district's data as you move through the CLIP's Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and District Improvement Plan process
- A streamlined CLIP, available for districts which already have a locally developed school improvement process in place, and wish to utilize that process as the basis for their CLIP application
- An amendment option for districts to revise their FY18 CLIP.

Please see the attachment to this email for more detailed information about the new CLIP options. Over the next several weeks, we will offer additional opportunities for districts to learn more about the CLIP and related requirements for submission to GaDOE.

As I have shared, the Every Student Succeeds Act – while not a perfect piece of federal legislation – gives states unprecedented flexibility to develop systems and supports aligned to their unique needs. It's my desire and belief that the greater flexibility offered with the new CLIP options and submission process, will allow your district to *better meet your local needs and take full advantage of Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement*, the shared framework within our state ESSA plan.

Thank you again for your feedback and engagement with this process. If you have any questions, please contact Nakeba Rahming, Deputy Superintendent for Federal Programs (copied here).

Sincerely,

Richard Woods  
State School Superintendent