ESSA’s impact on SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA) will allow states, schools, and districts to have more control and responsibility for accountability. The goal is to close the achievement gap and improve graduation rates.

Parents for Public Schools sees ESSA as an opportunity for schools, administrators and teachers to reach out to families as authentic partners.

Administrators need to know:

1. 1% of Title 1 monies can be spent on at least one of the following:
   - Provide professional development about family and community engagement jointly with school personnel and families
   - Support programs that reach parents and family members at home, in the community and at school focusing on increasing engagement of economically disadvantaged families
   - Provide schools with sub grants to work with other organizations that have a record of improving family engagement

2. The Title I Parent Involvement Policy is now the Family and Community Engagement Policy
   - Families are to be authentically involved in creating the policy
   - Families help develop strategies to support successful school and family interaction

3. By creating family and community leadership opportunities, schools will have:
   - Families that support public education
   - A community that supports its public schools

Parents for Public Schools advances the role of families and communities in securing a high quality public education for every child.

PPS can help districts create a parent engagement program that will:
   - Prepare parents to serve on committees
   - Educate parents about data and accountability
   - Help develop strategic plans that include a family component

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