



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Dear Chief State School Officer:

We are pleased to announce that the National Association of State Title I Directors, in collaboration with the National Council of State Title III Directors and the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, have extended an invitation to your staff who primarily oversee the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I Part A, Title II Part A, Title III, School Improvement Grant (SIG)* and *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* programs to attend the 2015 Collaborative Federal Programs Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. July 27-31, 2015.

During this meeting, attendees will hear important updates from the U.S. Department of Education (ED), assemble under the leadership of their respective associations, and collaborate with colleagues from other programs to coordinate and improve outcomes for children and youth of our nation.

The representative professional associations are coordinating the meeting with the Office of State Support (OSS) staff within the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), who oversee ESEA programs, and the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) staff, who oversee IDEA.

On July 27th–28th, each of the associations will hold their individual State Director meetings. On July 29th, ED will host a joint meeting for State Directors from IDEA, Title I, Title II, Title III, and SIG programs. The central theme of the joint meeting is, “All In: Achieving Results Together!”

Some of the specific areas that ED leadership will address during the July 29th meeting include:

- Equity of Opportunity
- Aligning State Plans
- OMB Uniform Guidance
- ESEA Flexibility Waivers
- Educator Effectiveness
- School Turnaround

The week will end with a meeting hosted by OSS on July 30th and 31st, in which OSS State Leads will meet with their State contacts from Title I, II, III, and SIG to share information and listen to issues of importance to each State.

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The meeting offers an excellent opportunity for State Directors and their staff to strengthen their peer networks, share information with ED, and gain insight into innovative and successful practices used across the country to improve academic outcomes for all children.

I look forward to the opportunity to interact with your State representatives at this conference.

Sincerely,

/s/

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