



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ESEA

STATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

Ensuring Student Equity & Access

The **Effective Programs & Quality Outcomes Committee** met via conference call on **April 24, 2018** at 2:00PM EDT, 1:00PM CDT, 12:00PM MDT, 11:00AM MST & PDT.

ATTENDING

Committee Members

Ken Banter (GA); Kathy Gauby (ID); Jack O'Connor (MT); Betsy Chapman (SD)

Association Management

Bob Harmon – CEO; Jeri Erickson – Membership Director

Guest

Bob Slavin – Evidence for ESSA, Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns Hopkins University

Meeting Agenda:

1. Evidence for ESSA Website Report - [Evidence for ESSA: Year One Review](http://www.evidenceforessa.org)

- Bob Slavin, Johns Hopkins University, joined the group to provide an update and to lead the discussion.
- The Evidence for ESSA website (www.evidenceforessa.org) was launched on February 28, 2017. The website is a tool tailored to helping education leaders learn about specific programs that meet the ESSA evidence standards. To date the site has seen 44,000 unique users.
- Several states have used it as part of their ESSA plans, and some states are asking their districts to utilize the site in program planning. Idaho and Georgia have many districts using the site, Montana plans to show the website during an upcoming comprehensive school meeting.
- Work is being done on adding additional education topics: science, social-emotional behavior, and writing.
- The intent of Evidence for ESSA is to be fast, responsive, and engaged with users. The website makes information easily available and on what practicing educators want.
- To foster peer-to-peer collaboration, the website provides a listing of actual schools using programs.
- Bob Slavin encouraged committee members to contact him should there be future questions or suggestions.

2. Further discussion of states naming National Distinguished Schools

- During the March committee call, the group reviewed the Distinguished School criteria, awards package, timeline and name. All agreed to keep the program as is with the exception of the name, recommending a change from National Title I Distinguished Schools to National Distinguished Schools. The committee recommendation was an agenda item for the April Board meeting and was accepted as presented. Board members had questions regarding whether schools named would be Title I schools and would they be required to serve disadvantaged children? The group agreed to add a selection qualifier: Schools that serve disadvantaged students. States can develop their own criteria for selecting schools while preserving the spirit of the program.

3. Other

- No additional items submitted for discussion.

Next call is scheduled for **May 22, 2018 at 2:00PM EDT**, 1:00PM CDT, 12:00PM MDT, 11:00AM MST & PDT.