

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING NEW COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT (FORMER PRIORITY) SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION

ADE will not identify new Comprehensive Support Schools (bottom 5% of AZ Schools) for the 2016-17 school year.

There was, at one time, a plan to identify schools that had moved into the bottom 5% of AZ schools using 2016 AzMERIT data in order to support improvement efforts as soon as possible.

However, the current Priority and Focus list was frozen as required by the US Education Department in January, 2016.

- a. This means no schools can exit improvement status before the end of the 2016-17 school year.

The decision has been made to not identify new Comprehensive Schools for the 2016-17 school year due to the following:

- a. The 2016-17 school year is a transition year to ESSA.
- b. Arizona will have a new accountability system for the 2017-18 school year.

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