



Subject: FY21 Equitable Services

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) has received inquiries from LEAs regarding school closures and federal grant funding. We are aware of potential implications and have sought guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. Grants must be in Director Approved status before an LEA can begin to draw down funds; this includes the approval of all required documentation, i.e., CNA, IAP, Consultation Forms, etc.

The ADE remains open, and the Ombudsman continues to provide support to LEAs and private schools. Please contact us at PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov with any questions.

LEA can proceed to complete FY21 ESEA Consolidated Application if

- the LEA has completed through consultation with all private schools:
 - Intent of consultation
 - Received Low-Income #s
 - Identified Multiple Measures
 - Proposed options for design of program based on Proportionate Share
 - Decision of program design
 - Initial, Sign and Date Part 1 of the Affirmation of Consultation

If an LEA is in the process of completing consultation with all private schools, there are possible considerations on how to proceed with FY21 ESEA Consolidated application.

- **Intent of Consultation** is not complete
 - Depending on # of intents received, LEA would indicate those private schools in the Administration section. Any questions, please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for discussion.
 - If LEA has not received any intents, please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for discussion.
- All **low-income #s** not received
 - Use the low-income #s received to calculate the GME proportionate share section.
 - If you do not have low-income #s for all known past participating private schools, please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for discussion.
- All **multiple measures** processes are not complete to identify academically at-risk.
 - Use the multiple measures that have been received to identify program design per Private School.
 - If you do not have multiple measures for all known past participating private schools, please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for discussion.

- **Affirmation of Consultation** for the FY21 ESEA Consolidated
 - If the Program is designed with Private Schools, please upload Affirmation of Consultation, with initials and signatures of Part 1.
 - If the program is not designed, yet, with Private Schools, please place a comment on back of the Affirmation of Consultation. This comment should detail what has been done and what is yet to be completed.
 - Please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for discussion.

***As each LEA's equitable services implementation is unique, please reach out to PrivateSchoolsOmbud@azed.gov for additional guidance.**