

Round 2
School Improvement Grant
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
April 14, 2017

1. Will our district and/or school be locked into an "F" grade for the duration of the grant, even if the school improves to a higher grade? Will the school still be listed as Priority even when they are no longer a Priority school? ***The priority label will be assigned until new accountability ratings are run for the purpose of identification (this will be based on the identification timeline established for ESSA which has not been finalized). Accountability ratings will not be frozen.***
2. What is the total pool of money to be distributed over 4 years? Is it \$17 million? ***Approximately 17 Million dollars will be distributed to awarded schools over the 4-year period of availability.***
3. As a SIG Recipient, if our schools move to a higher performance level within the time frame of the grant, do we have to maintain the original rating until the grant period ends? ***No, the school will not have to maintain the original rating of "F", if a higher accountability rating is earned, the school will be assigned the higher rating, however, the "Priority" or "Focus" label will be assigned until new accountability ratings are run for the purpose of identification (this will be based the identification timeline established for ESSA which has not been finalized). Therefore, a SIG recipient could earn a "C" rating during the grant period, but still be identified as "Priority" or "Focus".***
4. In the Performance Framework 5-Year Goals section of the Application Tool Kit - Metric 6 – Proficiency on State Assessments - has Year 1 – Goal FY 14-15, Year 2 – Goal FY 15-16, Year 3 – Goal FY 16-17. Is there a newer form available? ***Applicants will be provided guidance on how to respond to Metric 6 in the performance framework data collection to ensure that all 5 levels of the MAP assessment are addressed.***
5. How many grants or monies will be awarded? ***The amount awarded will be determined based on the quality of the proposals, but awarded grants will receive a minimum of \$50,000.***
6. Is the webinar recorded and can we have a copy of the PowerPoint you went through? ***The webinar and the PowerPoint presentation are posted to the school improvement website at <http://www.mdek12.org/OSI/resources/sig>***