Community Engagement Councils (CEC)

2024 – 2025 Reporting

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

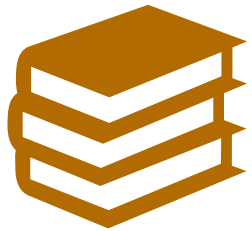
To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

State Board of Education STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

1. **ALL** Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas
2. **EVERY** Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career
3. **EVERY** Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program
4. **EVERY** School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders
5. **EVERY** Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes
6. **EVERY** School and District is Rated “C” or Higher

Who Shall Establish a Community Engagement Council?

Any district with a grade of D or F shall establish a CEC.



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Districts with several schools rated D or F may choose to have one district CEC instead of multiple school CECs.

CEC Reporting Requirements

Reporting Requirements

Districts are accountable for setting up CECs and ensuring they meet regularly (MS Public School Accountability Standard 12).

Districts should submit all required evidence through the Mississippi Comprehensive Automated Performance-based System (MCAPS). Deadline to submit **June 30, 2025**

Reporting Requirements

Required Information	Examples of Supporting Evidence
Date(s) communications shared about the opportunities to serve on the CEC	• Copies of flyers • Screenshots of social media postings • Minutes from CEC meetings highlighting information shared
Date(s) of CEC information sessions	• Sign-in sheets • Meetings agendas
Date range during which interest/nominations forms were solicited and collected	• Copies of forms submitted by interested community members
Membership list	• Names of CEC members and roles if applicable • Email addresses for members
Meeting calendar	• Meeting calendar
Meeting details	• Meeting attendance sheets and agendas
Date(s) of public reports from the CEC to the community	• Reports, presentation recordings, videos, etc.

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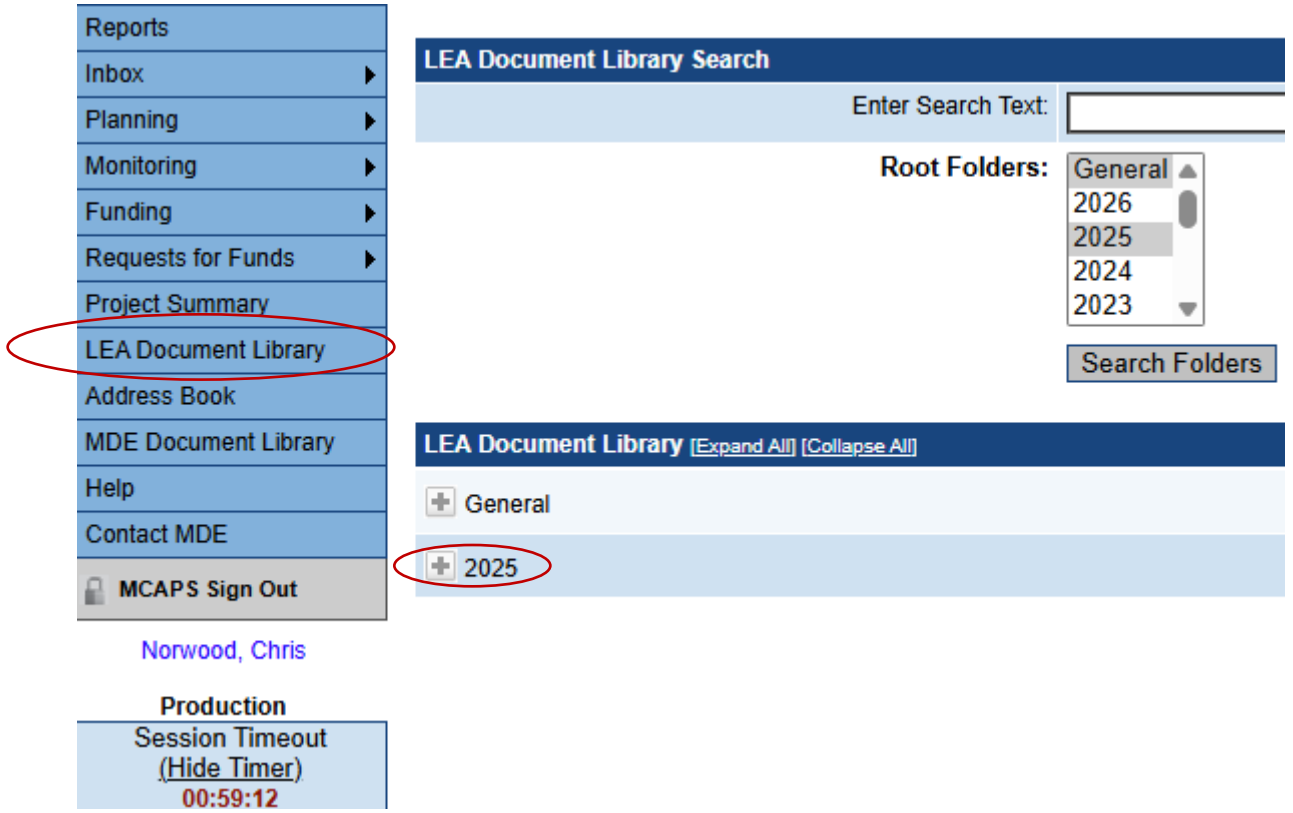

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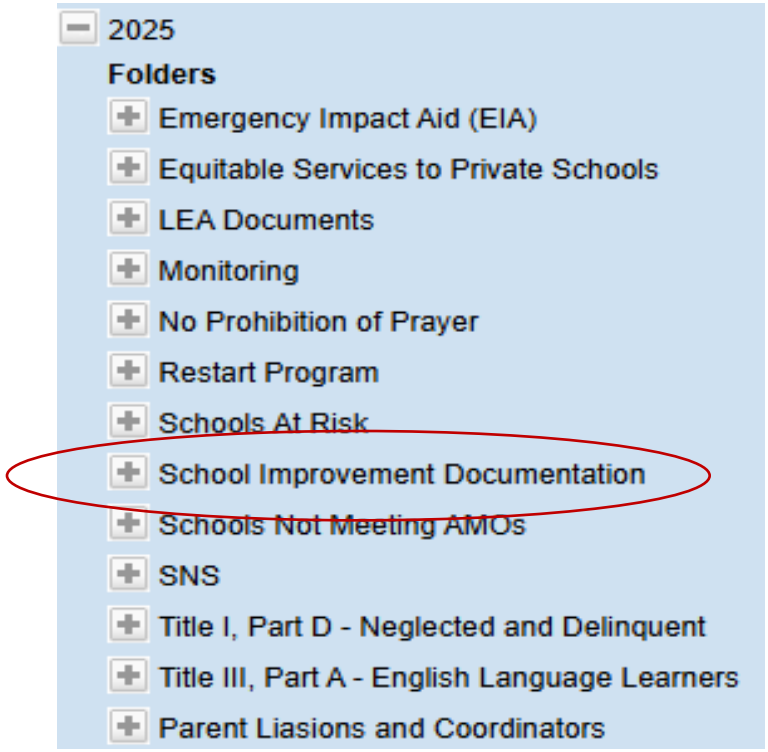

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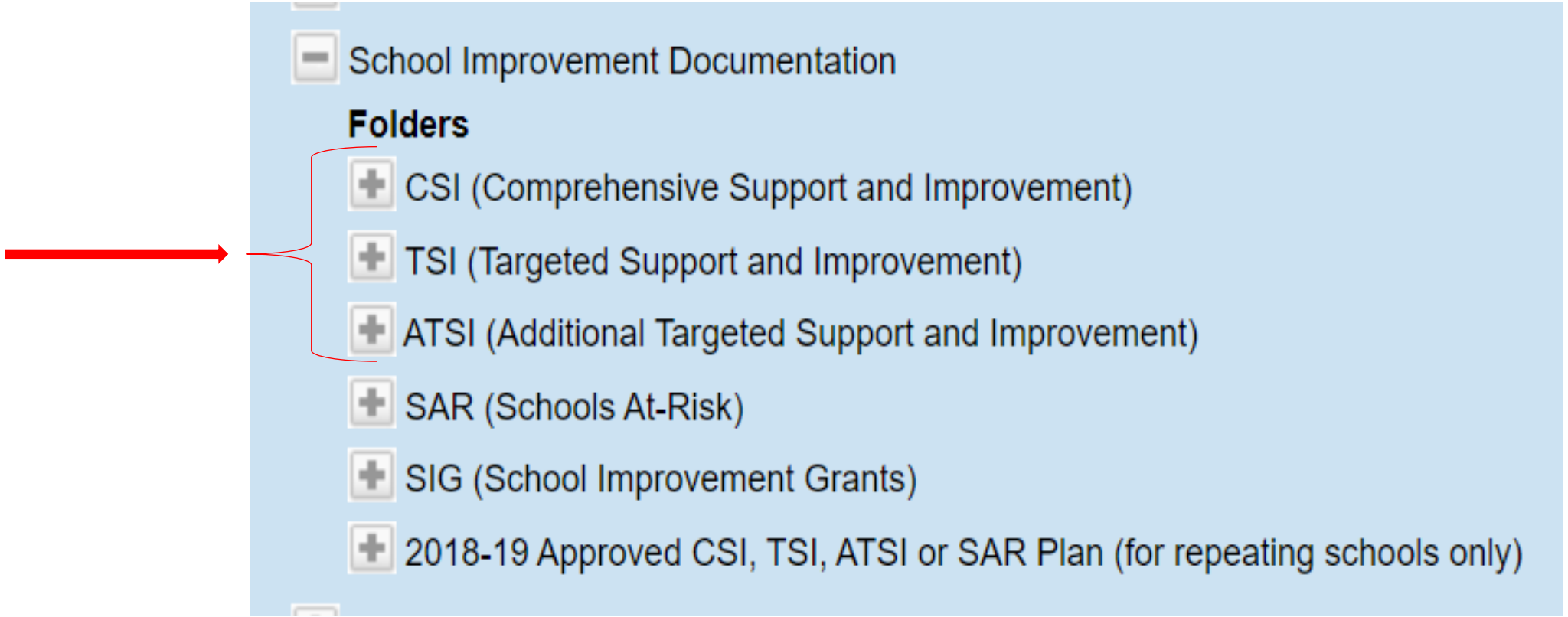

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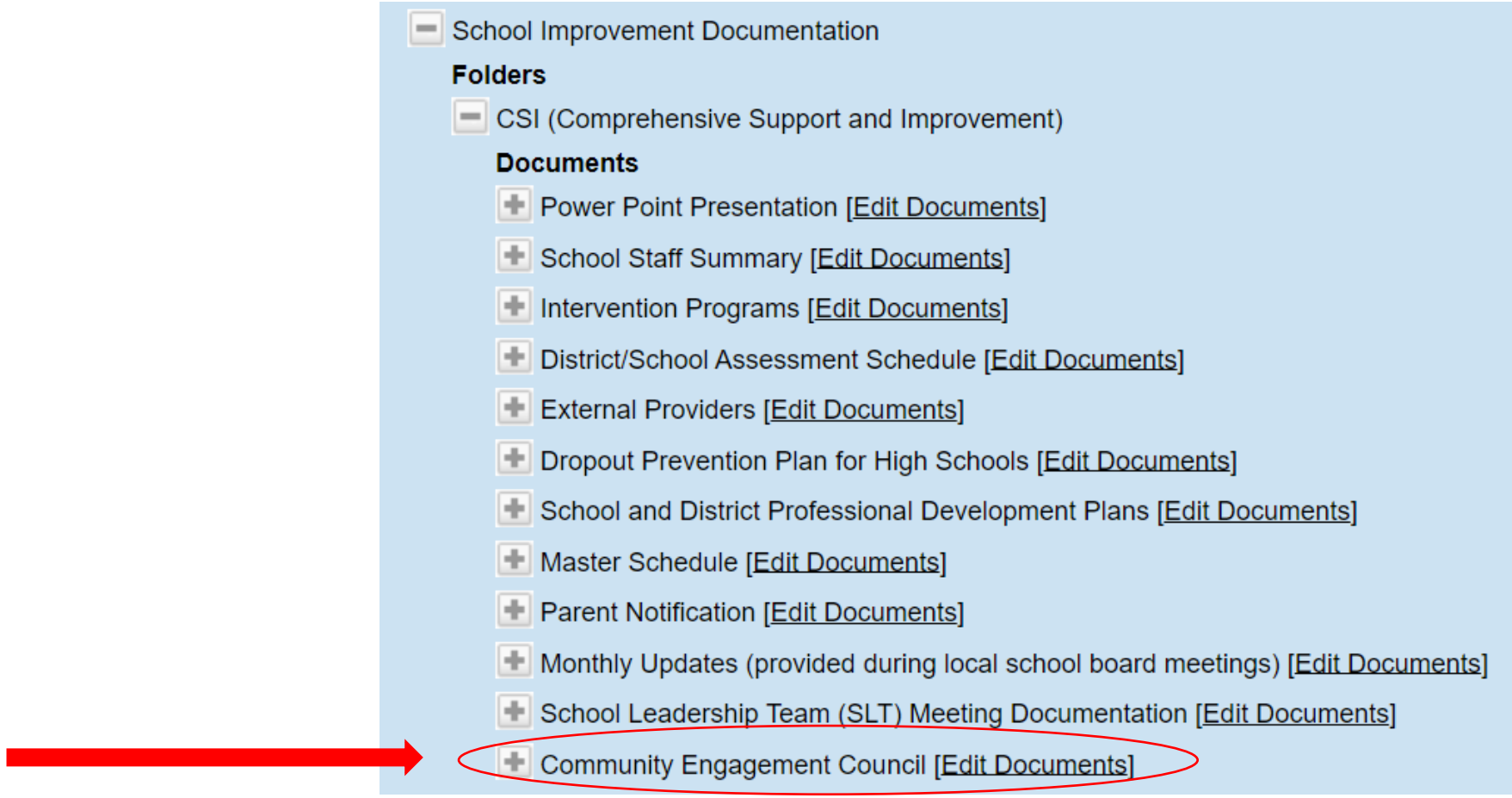

What aspects of CECs have you had the most success in implementing? Why?

What has been the biggest challenge in implementing CECs in your district? Why?

CEC

Planning for FY26 CEC Implementation

Planning for FY26

- Evaluate Needs
- Review Data and Set Goals
- Relationship building between new and veteran CEC members/chairs

CEC Meetings – Recommendations

- MDE recommends that established CECs meet at least six times per academic school year.
- The CEC should establish a meeting schedule at the beginning of the academic school year.
- All meetings should be open to the public.
- MDE recommends that meetings be between 60 – 90 minutes.

Recognizing Councils of Promise and Distinction

Councils of Promise

Councils of Distinction

CECD – CECP Application Process

Applicants should submit all materials to cec@mdek12.org

The MS Office of School Improvement will screen applicants to determine eligibility.

The independent panel of judges will use a scoring rubric to select two finalists.

The OSI staff will conduct a site visit to each of the finalist to learn more about their CECs.

CECD – CECP Application Process

The independent panel of judges will again review the finalists' application materials, as well as the site visit scoring rubric, to award.

Announcement **will be** made at the annual **MDE School Improvement Conference 2025.**

CEC Guidance Resources

CEC Resources

Guidelines for Community Engagement Councils

Community Engagement Councils (CECs), formerly referred to as P-16 Community Engagement Councils or P-16 Councils, are required under Miss. Code Ann. § 37-18-5. The purpose of CECs is to implement broad-spectrum community-based support for schools and districts implementing improvement plans to improve outcomes for learners. For a list of schools and districts meeting the CEC implementation requirement please click **here**.

Mississippi Community Engagement Council Guidance

CEC Regional Trainings (PowerPoint) (Webinar)

CEC Resources

Communications Toolkit

Information Session Agenda

Interest Form

Ballot

Sign-In Sheet

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