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To: CSI, TSI, and ATS identified districts

From: Doug Boline, Assistant Director

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This communication is to follow-up on the phone calls that were placed in December to notify districts of their status as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support for Improvement (TSI), and Additional Targeted Support (ATS). The criteria for being identified are as follows:

CSI-2 ways to be identified:

1. Every three years Title I schools that have an overall combined result that is in the lowest five percent of results of Title I schools will be identified.
2. Any high school with a graduation rate of less than 67 percent for any subgroup will be identified.

TSI-Any school that has a subgroup that has for three consecutive years performed at the "Below Expectations" range will be identified.

ATS-Any school with a subgroup overall result that is the same as any overall result as that of a CSI building will be identified.

In order to provide appropriate levels of service to all identified schools, supports and resources must be coordinated and directed through the Kansas Learning Network (KLN). KSDE will not be distributing direct financial support to districts.

The Kansas Learning Network (KLN) under the direction of Michele Hayes, michele.hayes@swplains.org, will be providing the support and resources for all identified schools. In order to determine what those supports and resources will consist of, all identified schools will be required to:

1. Conduct a root-cause analysis facilitated by KLN. Regional root-cause analysis sessions will be conducted in the early fall of 2019.
2. Document their School Improvement work in KansaStar. If your district does not already have access to KansaStar, please contact Pat Hill phill@ksde.org to create school and district accounts for you. KSDE and KLN will be conducting a breakout session on KansaStar at the Leadership Conference in Wichita on July 31 from 2:00 – 3:00.
3. Designate a district contact person (with phone and email information) and send to Doug Boline dboline@ksde.org by June 28. This person should be someone with knowledge of school improvement and the authority to make decisions. After contact information is received, KLN will make contact with all district leaders and share with them what to expect for the root-cause analysis to ensure we don't duplicate efforts.

KSDE and KLN staff will be available to share information about supports and to answer questions at the Leadership Conference following the afternoon General Session on July 31, for those that are in attendance. If you have questions prior to the conference, please don't hesitate to contact me, 785-296-2600.