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Georgia Department of Education
Item for State Board of Education Approval
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Item Name

EAP – Innovative Assessment Pilot Program – Applicant Review

Action Item

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approves participation by the Putnam Consortium in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program during the 2018-19 school year.

Rationale

The State Board of Education is required by Senate Bill 362 (2018) to review applications for and select participants in the Innovative Assessment Pilot Program.

Summary

The State of Georgia established an Innovative Assessment Pilot Program allowing up to 10 school districts or groups of districts to develop alternate assessment and accountability systems aligned with state academic content standards beginning in 2018 (see SB 362 summary in attached Application Announcement).

Applications to participate in the pilot program during the 2018-19 school year were received from the Putnam County Consortium, Odyssey Charter School, and Taliaferro Public Schools. Putnam's application was complete, including submission of all signed assurances and evidence required. Odyssey and Taliaferro applications were incomplete, and they were urged to consider resubmitting at a later date (either by the September 1, 2018 deadline for participation during 2018-19, or in 2019 for participation during the 2019-20 school year).

The Putnam County Consortium is composed of 10 members, of which only Putnam would participate in the pilot in the 2018-19; others would participate in subsequent school years. In addition to Putnam County Schools, the consortium's affiliate members are Calhoun City and Dougherty, Evans, Fayette, Floyd, Liberty, McIntosh, Oglethorpe, and Pike county school systems.

Those districts approved to participate in the pilot program during 2018-19 are required to seek an amendment to modify the accountability section of their SWSS or Charter System contract, and to submit an agreement that they will abide by State Board accountability and assessment rules and Department procedures that ensure Georgia can abide by federal law regarding assessment and accountability, as summarized in the attached document. Georgia will seek flexibility from the federal government as needed to allow applicants with approved performance contract amendments to implement their pilot program plans.

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