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## Comprehensive and Targeted Schools Under the Every Student Succeeds Act

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), New Jersey has a plan that uses various factors to identify schools for Comprehensive or Targeted Support. These schools develop and complete an Annual School Plan (ASP) and work closely with the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) Comprehensive Support Network (CSN) field teams to reach identified milestones. With the onset of COVID-19 and the sudden transition to remote learning, the ASPs have been upended.

At the time of this advisory, official guidance has not yet been posted by the NJDOE. Yet, NJEA Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division staff have been working with the NJDOE to troubleshoot this issue and the forthcoming guidance. The following captures what the NJDOE Office of Field Services has shared with NJEA:

- The NJDOE and CSN are working to support their schools as they transition to/engage in remote learning.
- Comprehensive and Targeted Schools **ARE NOT EXPECTED to continue implementing Annual School Plans** as they previously were, because that would be impossible.
- Comprehensive and Targeted Schools **ARE NOT REQUIRED to administer benchmark testing**, as may have been included in their Annual School Plans, at this time.

NJEA will continue to work with the NJDOE to advocate for the needs of our members. The NJEA Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division will supply the field with updated guidance from the NJDOE, as it becomes available.

Please reach out to NJEA's Professional Development and Instructional Issues Division with questions, concerns or support.

For a list of schools under Comprehensive or Targeted Support, please visit:

<https://www.nj.gov/education/csn/>