

ENSURING ONGOING SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY GOAL AND OUTCOMES

PRESENTATION TO CBP PSC

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What we hope to achieve

- Encourage state departments of education to include environmental literacy in their plans for the Every Student Succeeds Act to meet CBP EL outcomes
- Continue to engage cabinet level representatives from state departments of education in the environmental literacy work of the Chesapeake Bay Program



Environmental Literacy Goal

GOAL: Enable students in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watershed

OUTCOMES:

- Student MWEEs
- Sustainable Schools
- Policy & Metrics



Leadership Summit

Held April 20, 2016 at the Phillip Merrill Center

Purpose:

To explore how states can assist school systems in creating and sustaining high-quality EL programs as part of ongoing education reform and to meet Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement commitments.

To examine opportunities provided by the environmental education provisions of the recently enacted Every Student Succeeds Act to support state and local environmental literacy programming.









Summit Take Aways

- Each state is committed to advancing EL in a way that takes advantage of state specific priorities and respects the unique educational system of that state.
- US Department of Education has opportunities to advance this work in the new Every Student Succeed Act and would like to work with partners to explore these opportunities.
- Call for CBP to convene these leaders regularly to learn from each other and hold each other accountable.

Every Student Succeeds Act

- Signed December 10, 2015
- Replaces No Child Left Behind
- Includes key language for environmental education
- Passed through both Chambers with overwhelming bipartisan support



Title IV of ESSA: 21st Century Schools

Part A: Student Success and Enrichment Activities

New \$1.6B (authorized) grants program to support a range of “well rounded education” activities, including environmental education.



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Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Existing \$1B grant program that supports schools and/or school district partners for after school and out-of-school programs, including environmental literacy programs.



Management Board Recommendations...

- Send a letter from PSC to education leaders to follow up on ESSA conversation at Leadership Summit (before March 2017 deadline for ESSA accountability plan)

For the future...

- Consider revising Education Directive 98-1 to reflect Watershed Agreement and reinvigorate participation of state departments of education in the Bay Program