On My Way Pre-K Pilot Information and Question Session

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Agenda

- Share questions from survey
- Share some draft guidance regarding using funds
- Share possible scenarios on how to use Title I and Pre K Pilot funds
- Take ideas from attendees on scenarios
- Questions
A Funding Continuum

Title I Funded Preschool Programs

How and to what extent can funds be used together to support a high quality preschool program for Indiana students?

Non-Title I Funded Preschool Programs (Pre K Pilot)
Questions from Survey

- How we would shift from a fully-funded program to benefit from the On My Way Pre-K funds?
- How we would go about becoming PTQ certified with several existing barriers for our Title I Pre-K program?
- How would participation in On My Way Pre-K impact our current program?
- How can the On My Way Pre-K funds support current offerings in school wide Title I buildings? TAS buildings?
- Constraints? Allowable? - We anticipate blending funding using both Title I and On My Way Pre-K Dollars. E.G. If we have 10 spots in a Title I classroom for Title I kids - and 10 spots for Pilot kids. Funding would be split 50/50.
How can On My Way Pre-K Funds be used in conjunction with Title I?

- **USED Non-Regulatory Guidance – F-3**

- In addition to supporting preschool children participating in a Title I preschool program, an **LEA or school may use Title I funds to complement or extend** Head Start programs, Child Care, State-funded preschool programs (e.g., *On My Way Pre-K*), or other community-based early learning programs for at-risk children.
How can On My Way Pre-K Funds be used in conjunction with Title I?

- Reminder – ALL Title I requirements apply to the use of Title I funds.

- Eligibility for *Pre K Pilot funding* is based on the income levels of parents. Children eligible for Title I might not qualify for *Pre K Pilot funding* under the income requirement.

- If they do not, Title I funds may be used to provide services to Title I-eligible children who are not eligible for *Pre K Pilot* services.
How can On My Way Pre-K Funds be used in conjunction with Title I?

- **Pre K Pilot Program** might be unable to serve all eligible children. Title I funds may be used to serve children who are eligible for but not served by **Pre K Pilot funding**, and are ALSO eligible for Title I.

- Note that some **Pre K Pilot**-eligible children might not be eligible for Title I because they are not most at risk of failing to meet the State’s standards.
Title I funds can be used to serve eligible students. If some students are also eligible for On My Way Pre-K Funding, the LEA or school could opt for:

- Extending the daily program for an additional amount of time
- Increasing the number of days in the program
- Increasing the quality of the program
- Providing services at times Pre K Pilot program is not operating
- Enriching services through the provision of extra personnel to work with Title I-eligible children.
- Additional seats for students
How can On My Way Pre-K Funds be used in conjunction with Title I?

- Title I funds may provide educational services for children who are eligible for both Title I and Pre K Pilot funding, with Pre K Pilot funds providing other services.

- Title I funds may supplement or expand existing early learning programs, including State-funded preschool (i.e., Pre K Pilot funding), Child Care, and community-based early learning programs for children who are also eligible for Title I services.
How can On My Way Pre-K Funds be used in conjunction with Title I?

- Pre K Pilot funding is considered “last dollar in”
  - Example, if Title I pays for first half of day, the grant could pay for second half.

- Districts must show that the Pre K Pilot funding is supplemental to the Title I funds.
May an LEA use Title I funds to expand or enhance other existing public preschool programs?

- **USED Non-regulatory Guidance – G-5**

  - **Yes.** Consistent with ESEA section 1112(b)(1)(K), an LEA may use Title I funds to support existing preschool programs, such as Head Start or other comparable publicly funded preschool programs.

  - **However,** if Title I funds are used to expand or enhance an existing public preschool program, that program is then considered to be a Title I program, and all Title I requirements apply, including SEA and LEA oversight of the program and the requirements with respect to eligible children.
Would there be any issue of supplanting when On My Way Pre-K funding ends and we seek to use Title I funds to fully fund Pre-K again?

- **No, if the district can:**
  - Show program cannot continue without Title I support, not supplanting.
  - Show the need for the program.
Possible Scenarios of using On My Way Pre-K Funding

- Providing Pre K Pilot funding in non-Title schools
- Braiding Pre K Pilot funds and Title I funds in same school
- Moving from funding with Title I to Pre K Pilot funding
- Expanding number of classrooms for Pre K
- Providing professional development or facility updates
- Supporting additional staff, especially support staff
- Extending the daily program for an additional amount time
- Increasing the number of days in the program
- Increasing the quality of the program
- Providing services at times Pre K Pilot or Title I is not operating
- Enriching services through the provision of extra personnel to work with Title I-eligible children.
What other possible scenarios do you envision happening in your districts?
Questions?
Next Steps

- IDOE has updated preschool guidance

- IDOE is finalizing guidance specific to On My Way Pre-K funding, based on input from stakeholder groups

- On My Way Pre-K and Title I funding guidance should be out by Thanksgiving
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