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Dear Brian Biermann, Mike Hughes,

Congratulations, USD 416 has been assigned a Meets Requirements level of determination (LOD) through the IDEA State Performance Plan Report for FFY 2018. "Meets Requirements" is the highest status level for district IDEA levels of determination. The district earned this LOD by meeting substantial compliance on all 14 State Performance Plan (SPP) district-level indicators including the submission of Timely and Accurate data. Districts may access this report and the District Expanded report, housed at the www.ksdetasn.org site, Current Kansas APR Reports link.

As a result of the district's Meets Requirements LOD for FFY 2018, USD 416 is eligible for a number of fiscal and program rewards which are listed in the district's Kansas APR Expanded Report. The following summary provides additional information regarding these rewards, including status updates or timelines by which rewards may be accessed. Please review this information and note available rewards for the district.

- *Written notification to Special Education Directors and Superintendents. This letter serves as written notification of the district's Meets Requirements LOD for these stakeholders, though the official notification of the district's LOD status is provided in the IDEA State Performance Plan Report for FFY 2018, provided on April 4, 2020, through the www.ksdetasn.org Current Kansas APR Report link.*
- *LEA may use the condensed format for the Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) application. Each year, LEAs are invited to apply for TIP funding. Meets Requirements LOD districts are eligible to use a condensed format for this application. This format will be automatically provided to the district when this funding application is made available.*
- *SEA provides leadership stipends for participation in professional development. KSDE recognizes that achievement and continuation of a Meets Requirements LOD requires quality leadership and appropriate knowledge of IDEA requirements and best practices. Therefore, as a reward for achieving Meets Requirements an additional stipend to support professional learning opportunities for district leadership is made available to the LEA through the TIP application process and budget.*
- *Official Recognition Banner for Websites. Achieving a Meets Requirements LOD is an accomplishment to share with other stakeholders and*
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acknowledge for your leadership and staff. KSDE provides a recognition banner districts may place on websites or other publications of the district.

- *The district may use the 50% Maintenance of Effort reduction. As a district achieving Meets Requirements LOD, the district, or LEA as applicable, may be eligible for taking an MOE Adjustment of up to 50% of an LEA's increase in federal IDEA Part B Section 611 and 619 funding, for the purposes of meeting IDEA Maintenance of Effort eligibility and compliance requirements.*

Congratulations again on achieving the Meets Requirements LOD for FFY 2018 (SY 2018-19), and your continued efforts toward improving the outcomes for Kansas students.

If you have any questions regarding the LOD process or the rewards outlined in this letter, please contact Stacie Martin at smartin@ksde.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bert L. Moore".

Bert Moore, Director

Special Education and Title Services