The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is seeking applications from districts that receive Title I, Part A funds. Parent and district staff and stakeholders are welcome. The following are encouraged to apply:

- Teachers from any school accepting Title I, Part A funds.
- Cultural family liaisons from Schoolwide Title I schools.
- American Indian educators from Schoolwide Title I schools.
- Home school liaisons from Schoolwide Title I schools.
- Paraprofessional staff supporting Title I interventions in a Targeted Services model or giving program support in a Schoolwide model.
- Teaching and Learning department, Federal Programs department, Learner Services department, or other administrative staff supporting Title I programs at a district level.
- School business officials working with Title I program accounts in the State Educational Record View and Submission (SERVS) Financial system.
- Contracted school business staff working charter schools and smaller districts receiving Title I grants and their accounts in SERVS Financial.
- Charter school leaders who work with Title I funding.
- Principals of schools receiving Title I funding.
- Parents or guardians of learners attending or learners who have attended schools supported by Title I grant funds.
- Members of local school boards.
- Nonpublic school representatives whose nonpublic school or school network accepts Title I, Part A-funded services.

The Committee of Practitioners (COP) provides MDE ongoing recommendations on a variety of issues related Title I programs. The Elementary Secondary Educational Act (ESEA) of 2015 reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), section 6573 (b), requires each state that receives Title I funds, “…shall create a State committee of practitioners to advise the State in carrying out its responsibilities,” to ensure that any state rules, regulations, and policies relating to Title I conforms to the purposes of Title I, and provide any such proposed rules, regulations, and policies to the COP for review and comment.

Please refer to the Terms of the Committee of Practitioners. All meetings this year will take place virtually over a web-based platform. Meetings are scheduled on the following dates:

- September 23, 2020 (orientation)
- November 4, 2020
- February 10, 2021
- May 5, 2021

If you are interested, please complete the COP application survey by August 21, 2020. MDE staff will contact you via email regarding the status of your application.

Please forward this to any parent of a Title I student or colleagues who might be interested.

If you have questions, please email ESEA Title I, Part A Title Programs at mde.esea@state.mn.us.