

Administrative Memo

Date: April 10, 2017

To: School Administrators

From: Dr. Chris Neale, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools

Subject: QS-17-005 – MSIP 6 Development Teams

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has begun the process of reviewing and revising MSIP 5, the current version of the Missouri School Improvement Program. DESE has selected about 200 teachers, administrators, school board members, parents, representatives from business and industry, and a variety of other stakeholders from all regions of the state to participate as members of the MSIP 6 Development Teams (<https://dese.mo.gov/quality-schools/mo-school-improvement-program/msip-6>).

In selecting participants from about 700 applicants, DESE sought to achieve a balance in the areas of

- Background and Expertise – DESE sought to ensure that a variety of professional backgrounds such as education, business, higher education, and/or parent or community member status were represented.
- Geographic Representation – Locations were mapped to ensure all parts of the state were represented.
- Local Context and Demographic Diversity – DESE sought to ensure that urban, suburban, and rural schools were all represented, including consideration of school size and demographic make-up.

DESE is grateful for all who expressed interest and regrets that not all could be selected. There will be additional opportunities this year to gather feedback from all of those who were interested in participating.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jocelyn Strand, Coordinator of School Improvement, at 573-751-4104 or by email at msip@dese.mo.gov.