

Apr. 21, 2025

Dear Superintendents and BOCES leaders,

For today's update, I am sharing a reminder about the Title VI assurance options available for school districts that I mentioned in [my April 17 message for districts](#). First and foremost, it is important that you work with your general counsel to determine what - if any - approach you might want to consider.

As I shared last week, I will be signing the [OMB-approved civil rights assurances](#) and submitting a letter that says I take this action for all of us. I will also note that all districts annually assure Title VI compliance through the consolidated application for ESEA.

Across the country, local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies (SEAs) are taking varied approaches, including:

- (1) not signing any new assurances and taking no action;
- (2) declining to sign any assurances, but submitting a letter in response;
- (3) signing the original [April 3 certification](#) with no qualification,
- (4) signing the April 3 certification with a written qualification or comment,
- (5) re-submitting an existing certification or assurance that the LEA or SEA previously submitted to the federal government, or
- (6) signing the [most recent version of the civil rights assurances](#) that did go through the proper OMB approval process.

If you choose to submit something from the above list, please send this to us by April 23 so we can collect your response and include it with our communication to OCR on April 24. If you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out.

Warm regards,

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