

Title I, Part A Allocation Pilot for Multi-District Online Schools

State Board of Education Meeting

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Problem Statement

- **Current methods for allocating Title I, Part A funds do not always accurately reflect where students are receiving services.**
- **Given the changing landscape of educational opportunities for students, studying the impacts of revising allocation methods will provide information necessary to make informed decisions moving forward.**

Acronyms & Definitions

- **CSDB – Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind**
- **CSI – Charter School Institute**
- **EFIG – Education Finance Incentive Grant**
- **Formula children - The 5-17 year olds from low-income families that are determined through the U.S. Census Bureau and are the basis for allocations**
- **LEA – Local Education Agency**
- **MDOLS – Multi-District Online School**
- **SBE – State Board of Education**
- **SEA – State Education Agency**
- **Special LEA - One that is not listed by the Census Bureau**
- **USDE – United States Department of Education**

Title I, Part A Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

- **Federal program that provides financial assistance to local education agencies and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.**
- **Allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on population, census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state.**

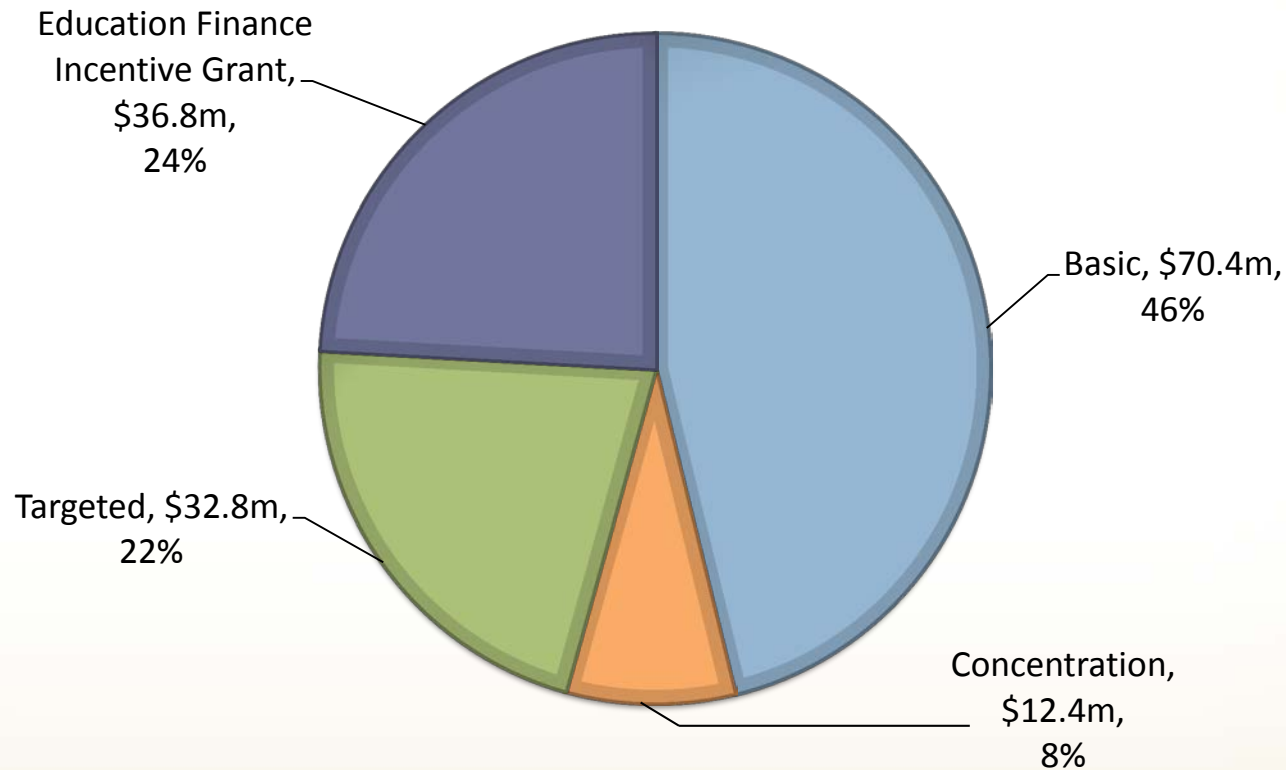
Review of May 14, 2014 Presentation

■ Title I, Part A

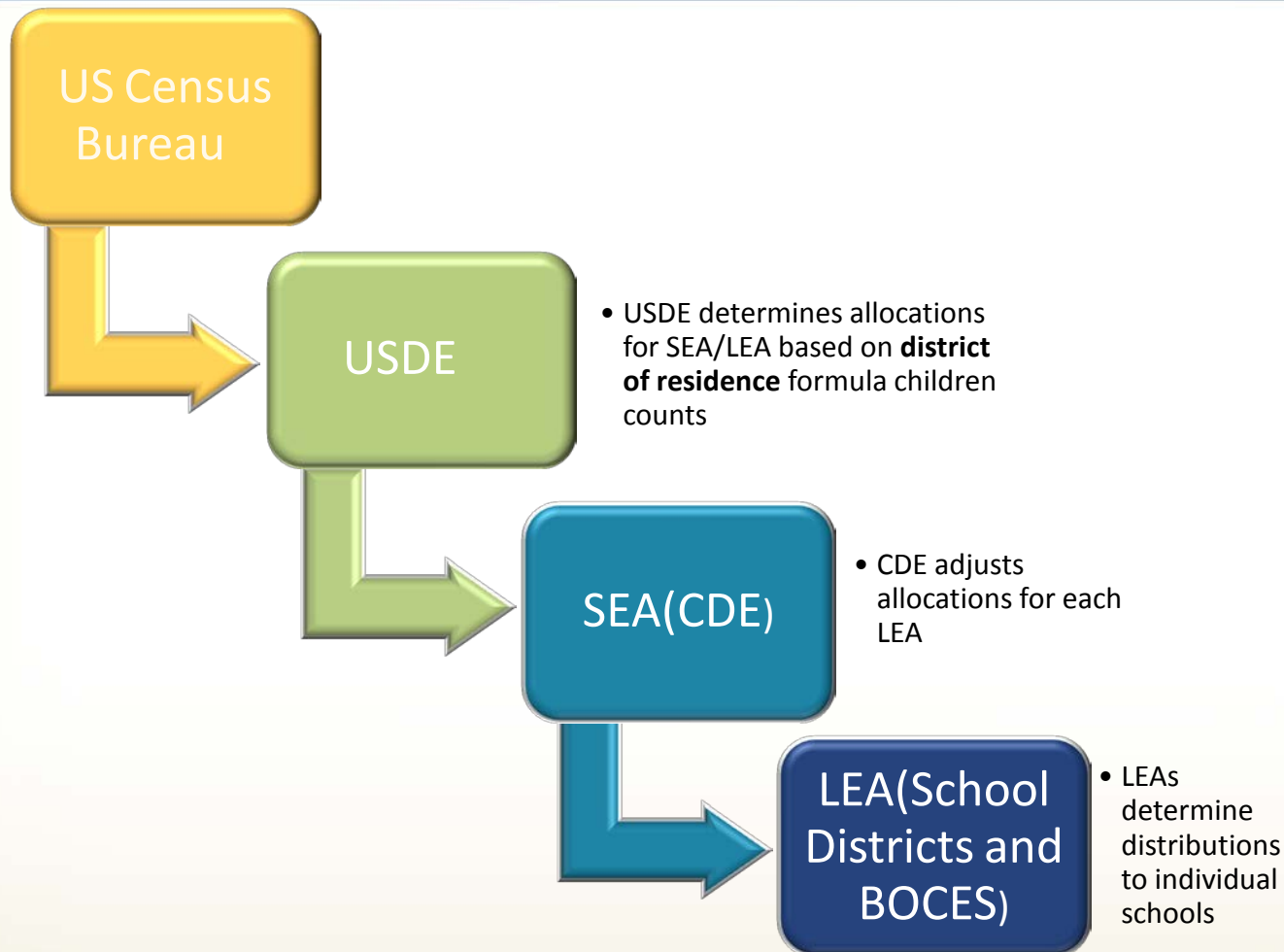
- Allocated through USDE based primarily on US Census
- Allocations struck for special LEAs that aren't part of the census formula: CSI and CSDB
- Striking allocations for special LEAs is complex and not student based
 - Allocations adjusted based on derived and estimated formula children

Title I, Part A Components for FY14-15

Title I-A, \$152.4m



How are Allocations Made to States and School Districts?



State Board of Education Request to CDE Staff

- **Establish criteria for pilot reallocation of Title I, Part A funds specific to MDOLS**
- **Determine potential financial impacts to districts of residence versus district serving students**
- **Determine methodology and timeline for reallocation**
- **Determine measures of success**

Considerations for Establishing Criteria

- **Maintain consistency with current method of reallocating funds to CSI and CSDB**
- **LEA, together with stakeholders, determines which school(s) it will serve with Title IA, subject to current review, requirements in statute and monitoring processes**
- **No current barriers to pilot from USDE* or the Colorado Attorney General's Office**

*as of June 4, 2014, still awaiting confirmation from USDE

Criteria for MDOLS Pilot Reallocation

- **Must be a multi-district online school**
- **Must not have CSI as its authorizer**
- **Must have, at minimum, 10 free lunch students from outside the LEA's boundaries**
- **Must have a significantly higher free lunch percentage compared to the LEA's percentage**
- **Must be currently served using FY 13-14 Title IA funds**
- **Must be participating in the United States Department of Agriculture school meal program**

*** Criteria applied in sequential order illustrated on next slide**

Applying Criteria to MDOLS

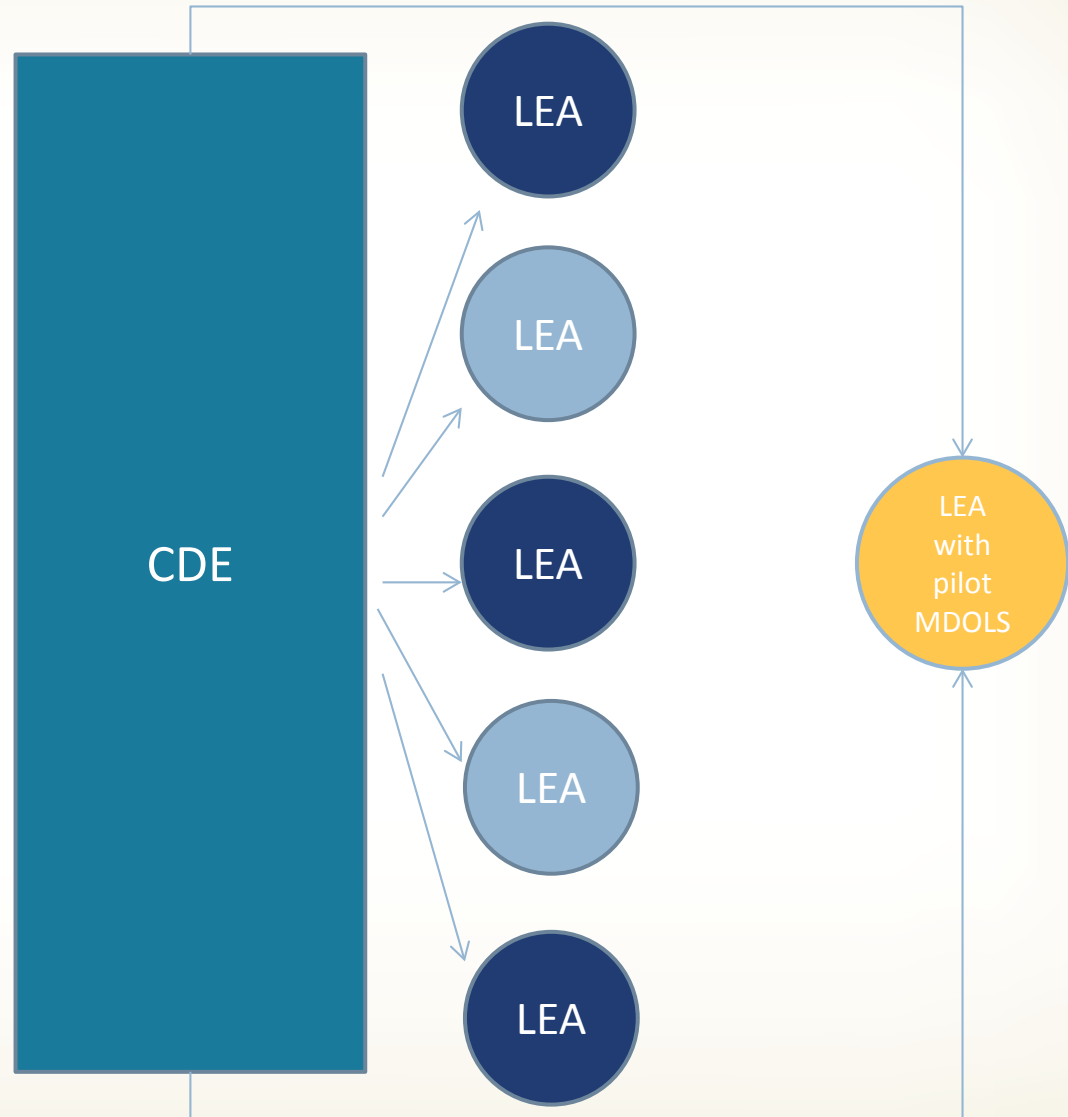
Criteria is applied in sequential order

School Name	Not CSI School	10 free students from outside of District	2 Times % Free Lunch School / Free Lunch District	2013-14 Title I School Served	USDA Meal Program Participation
Colorado Calvert Academy					
Colorado Provost Academy					
Academy Online	█				
Achieve Online	█				
Boulder Universal	█				
Denver Online High School	█				
EDCSD: Colorado Cyber School	█				
Edison Academy	█				
Engage Online Academy	█				
JeffCo's 21 st Century Virtual Academy	█				
Karval Online Education	█				
Monte Vista On-line Academy	█				
PSD Global Academy	█				
TCA College Pathways	█				
Thompson Online	█				
Branson School Online	█	█			
Colorado Prep Academy	█	█			
Falcon Virtual Academy	█	█			
Great Plains Academy	█	█			
Insight School of Colorado at Julesburg	█	█			
V_I_L_A_S_ Online School	█	█			
Colorado Virtual Academy (COVA)	█	█	█		
Colorado Connections Academy	█	█	█		
HOPE Online Learning Academy High School	█	█	█		
HOPE Online Learning Academy Middle School	█	█	█		
GOAL Academy	█	█	█	█	
HOPE Online Learning Academy Elementary	█	█	█	█	█

LEA Financial Implications with Pilot Reallocation

COUNTY	DISTRICT	TOTAL	TOTAL	DIFFERENCE
		TITLE I, Part A	TITLE I, Part A	
		ALLOCATIONS	ALLOCATIONS	
		Preliminary	With HOPE	
Adams	Mapleton 1	\$1,205,405	\$1,200,217	(\$5,188)
Adams	Northglenn-Thornton 12	\$4,770,496	\$4,724,628	(\$45,868)
Adams	Adams County 14	\$2,467,818	\$2,455,192	(\$12,626)
Adams	School District 27J	\$1,492,728	\$1,480,235	(\$12,493)
Adams	Westminster 50	\$3,400,986	\$3,355,081	(\$45,905)
Arapahoe	Sheridan 2	\$739,233	\$737,370	(\$1,863)
Arapahoe	Cherry Creek 5	\$4,360,474	\$4,337,864	(\$22,610)
Arapahoe	Adams-Arapahoe 28J	\$11,348,621	\$11,204,651	(\$143,970)
Boulder	Boulder Valley Re 2	\$2,164,636	\$2,164,222	(\$414)
Denver	Denver County 1	\$30,770,145	\$30,600,412	(\$169,733)
El Paso	Harrison 2	\$4,233,491	\$4,208,318	(\$25,173)
El Paso	Widefield 3	\$1,407,958	\$1,406,412	(\$1,546)
El Paso	Colorado Springs 11	\$7,604,558	\$7,601,776	(\$2,782)
Jefferson	Jefferson County R-1	\$10,571,413	\$10,552,493	(\$18,920)
Lake	Lake County R-1	\$278,201	\$277,294	(\$907)
Larimer	Poudre R-1	\$2,779,107	\$2,777,874	(\$1,233)
Pueblo	Pueblo City 60	\$5,883,956	\$5,873,474	(\$10,482)
Pueblo	Pueblo County Rural 70	\$1,283,780	\$1,282,974	(\$806)
Weld	Keenesburg Re-3(J)	\$233,671	\$232,660	(\$1,011)
Weld	Greeley 6	\$5,196,242	\$5,172,677	(\$23,565)
Douglas	Douglas County Re 1	\$1,131,372	\$1,678,444	\$547,072

Flow of Funds for Pilot



- If a student attends pilot school, then the district of residence's funding is adjusted
- LEA still determines schools served and related funding
- Consistent with CSI and CSDB allocation process

Outcomes of MDOLS Pilot Reallocation

- **Two-year pilot with the following research agenda**
 - Study the impact of the additional Title I, Part A funds for Douglas County and the strategies implemented for eligible students, including those in MDOLS settings
 - Study impact on sending districts' ability to continue to serve schools
 - Identify criteria for an effective Title I program in a MDOLS setting
- **Adjusted allocation to LEA (Douglas County) for local determination of schools to be served**
- **Pilot will identify:**
 - CDE system changes and capacity
 - Impact on eligibility
 - Statutory changes and rules
 - Reporting structures

Recommendations

- **Staff recommends proceeding with pilot allocation**
 - Utilize HOPE On-Line Academy Elementary School for establishing reallocation to Douglas County School District for FY 14-15 allocations
 - Two-year pilot: 2014-15 and 2015-16
 - Status report to State Board of Education in April, 2015
 - Interim Report – April 2015
 - End of Pilot Report – April 2016