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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – ESSA

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about an update involving the newly passed federal legislation called the Every Student Succeeds Act otherwise known as ESSA. This legislation was signed by President Obama in November of 2015 and replaces the 14 year old No Child Left Behind Act commonly referred to a NCLB.

It is important to remember that the ESSA legislation is still being unraveled at the federal and state level. All of this legislation has roots going back to the mid 1960's when the original Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was passed. Essentially the ESEA has evolved over many decades to the current ESSA legislation. Are you confused yet? I know that it can be difficult to track.

The summary talking points at this time are:

- We all need to be patient as the ESSA legislation is still being interpreted;
- Oregon Department of Education has some initial findings on their website, just go to www.ode.state.or.us and search for ESSA to view these findings;
- Because the ESSA transfers a lot of power and control over education requirements back to the individual states, questions are being asked such as:
 - What do good performance assessments look like?
 - What school improvement models are the most effective?
 - How should teachers truly be evaluated despite the current state law of SB 290 connecting student performance to teacher evaluation?

Oregon Department of Education is looking for volunteers to help out with these considerations, more information can be found on their website and/or the Brookings Harbor School [District website at www.brookings.k12.or.us](http://www.brookings.k12.or.us)

Remember that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District