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LEA's website. Stakeholder engagement and feedback is required on the return to in-person instruction plan every 6 months through September 30, 2023.

Do informal amendments need to be posted to the LEA's website?

Informal amendments are not required to be posted to the LEA's website. An LEA can choose whether to post informal amendments.

Are we allowed to submit documents earlier than the date we are assigned?

No. The survey for each review group will only be published to the business portal on the date listed on the chart. However, we would encourage LEAs to use the [Indicators and Evidence](#) document to start organizing your documentation so that you will have your documentation ready when the survey for your review group is published in the Business Portal.

Can you give us an example of evidence? And how detailed should the uploaded evidence be?

The [Indicators and Evidence](#) document includes examples of evidence for each indicator. Information about Evidence Tiers can be found on NYSED's website at <http://www.nysed.gov/accountability/evidence-based-interventions>. For Evidence Tiers I-III, documentation will only need to be provided by an LEA if requested by NYSED. However, if the LEA developed its own program that has not been tested (a Tier IV intervention), NYSED will request additional evidence, such as progress monitoring for students participating in the program, to ensure that the LEA is providing the most impactful response possible to benefit its students.

Can we share our evidence with our reviewer before posting it to make sure our evidence is appropriate?

We encourage LEAs to reach out to their reviewer to get their feedback, including if any incorrect evidence was uploaded. This is a collaborative effort with the goal of getting

We are in Group H. It appears that the notification email comes after the publish date. Is this a mistake? All other welcome emails come prior to the publish date. Yes, there was an incorrect date posted for Group H. This has been corrected.

Is the review on all the ESSERs (I, II, III) or just one of them?

This is a review of the following Education Stabilization Funds: CARES (ESSER I & GEER I), CRRSA (ESSER II & GEER II), ARP-ESSER, and ARP-ESSER State Level Reserves. The ARP HCY I and II grants will be reviewed separately as part of the regular ESSA-funded programs reviews of ESEA Title Programs.

What if there is a finding during the review, for example an unallowable expense, but the LEA has already submitted its final expenditure report ?

Corrective actions can still be assigned for programs that have already ended, but it depends on the nature of the finding. One possibility could be to switch an expense that was eligible under CARES or CRRSA (e.g., a purchased service or a staff member salary) from the general fund into the LEA's special aid fund. Notes of these transfers would be recorded by the LEA for clarity and record-keeping purposes. Remember that the goal of this monitoring process is to ensure that the LEA meets expectations and is well-positioned for future auditing.