Foster Care Assurances

Pursuant to amendments made to Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as a result of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local education agencies (LEAs) must submit by December 10, 2016 assurances to the Department that they will do the following:

- Collaborate with State or Local Child Welfare Agencies (CWA) to develop and implement clear written procedures for how transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of the time in foster care. Procedures must ensure that children will promptly receive transportation in a cost-effective manner in accordance with the Fostering Connections Act;
- Ensure that, if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin, LEAs will provide transportation if: a) the local CWA agrees to reimburse the LEA; b) the LEA agrees to pay the cost; or c) the LEA and local CWA agree to share the cost; and
- Designate an LEA point of contact for the local child welfare agency.

1. **Does your LEA provide assurances regarding the collaborative development and implementation of transportation procedures for foster care youth (Item #1 above)?**
   - Yes, the LEA provides assurances regarding the development and implementation of a transportation plan.

2. **Does your LEA provide assurances regarding the additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin for foster care youth (Item #2 above)?**
   - Yes, the LEA provides assurances regarding the additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin for foster care youth.

3. **Please provide the name of the LEA point of contact for the local child welfare agency (Item #3 above).**
   - Ms. Amy Bennett

3a. **Please provide the e-mail address of the LEA point of contact for the local welfare agency.**
   - abennett@oysterponds.org

3b. **Please provide the telephone number of the LEA point of contact for the local child welfare agency.**
   - 631-323-2410 x 104