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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** SPCSA Board  
**FROM:** Patrick J. Gavin  
**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item # 4—NSPF Update  
**DATE:** September 29, 2017

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**Background:**

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#), the reauthorization of the [Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965](#).

Pursuant to ESSA, the Nevada Department of Education developed and the State Board of Education adopted [Nevada's ESSA Plan](#). Nevada's ESSA Plan was [approved](#) by the US Department of Education on August 9, 2017.

The state's ESSA Plan sets the policy which supports the implementation of the Statewide System of Accountability, also known as the Nevada School Performance Framework (the NSPF) or the "Star System."

Representatives from the Nevada Department of Education's Office of Assessment, Data, and Accountability (ADAM) will update the Authority on recent developments related to the NSPF.