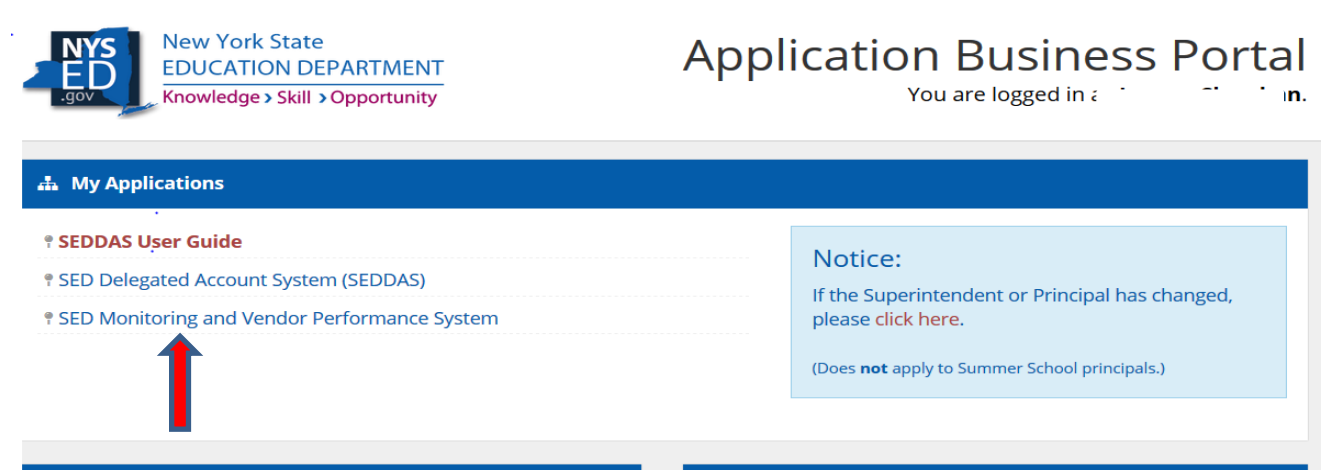


# How to Access and Complete the 2026 Instructional Technology Plan

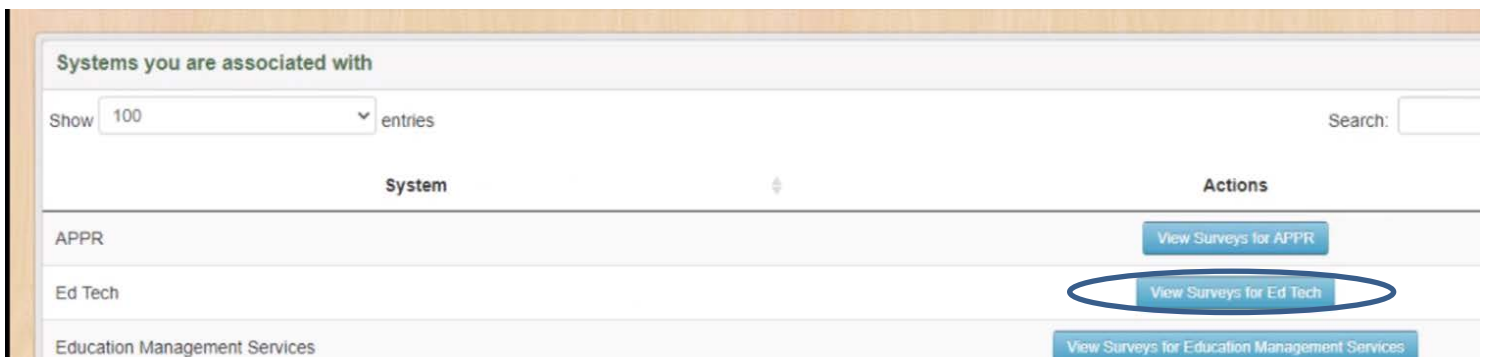
## A Mini-Guide for Big 5 Districts

Log on to [NYSED Business Portal](#). Click **SED Monitoring and Vendor Performance System**

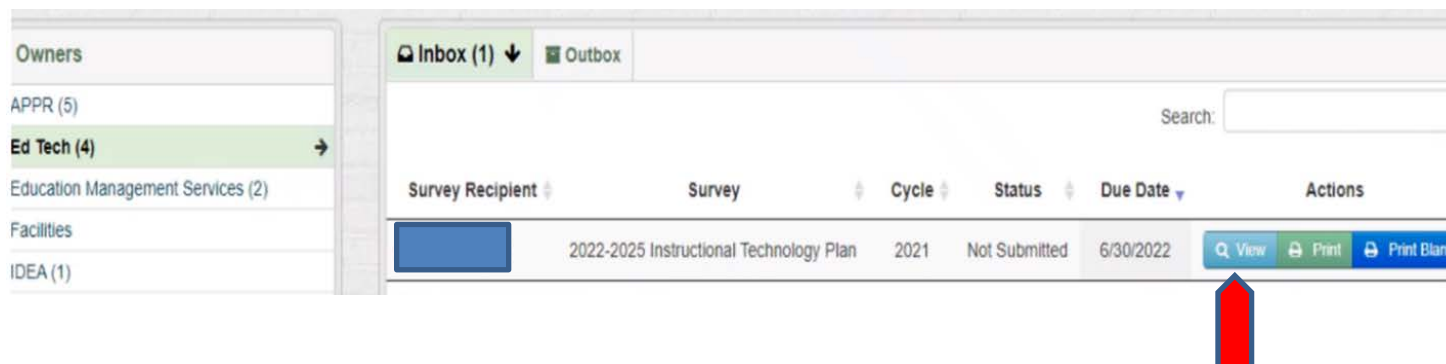


*Note: The screen shots in this guide are from test plans created as part of the plan development process. They are NOT from actual plans.*

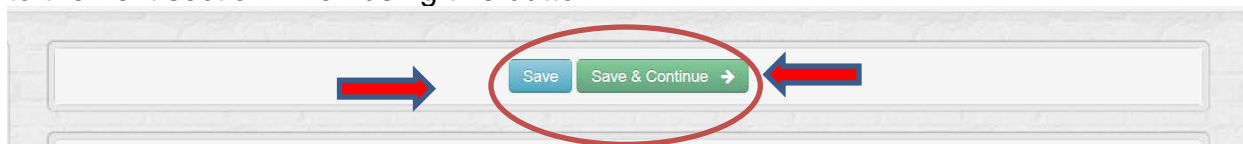
1. This is the screen you will see when you click on 2026 Instructional technology plan. Click on View Surveys for Ed Tech



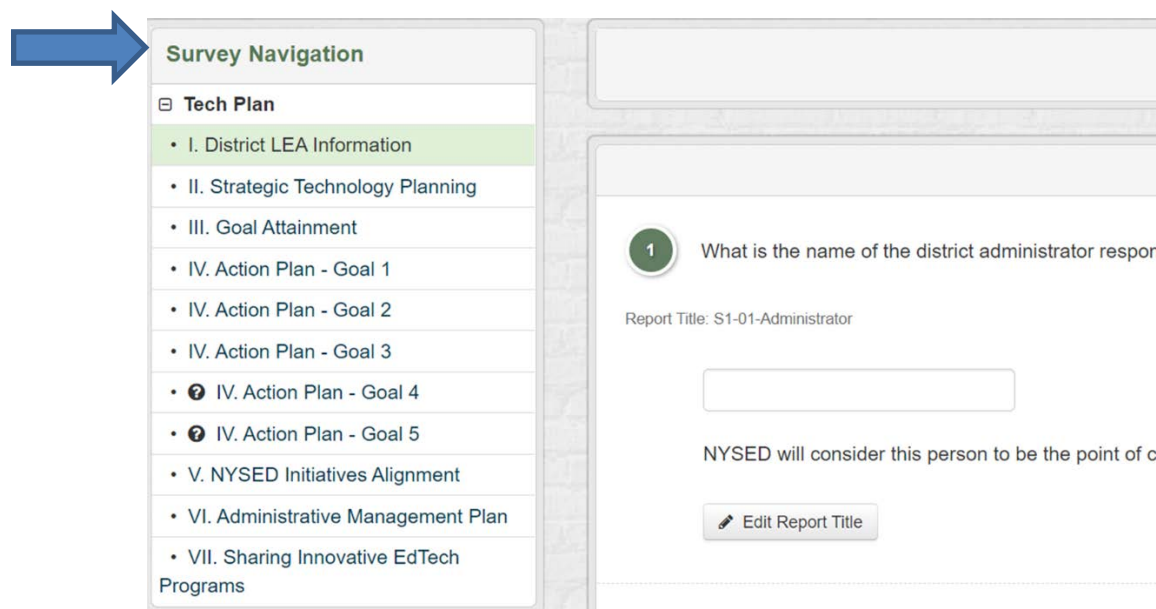
- Click on “View” to begin entering your responses. You may also print a blank copy prior to entering data (Blue button) or print a completed survey when you are done entering the data (Green button). The user must have both data view and data entry entitlements in order to enter data into the survey.



- It is very important to **Save** before moving to the next section or logging off. To remain on the page, click the blue **Save** button on the top or bottom of the page. To go to the next section, click the green **Save & Continue** button, which is also on the top or bottom of the page. All required questions must be answered before moving to the next section when using this button.



- You may skip around and enter some of the questions in each section by using the navigation bar rather than the “save and continue” bar. This allows you to enter and save responses and move to another section without responding to every question in each section.



5. There are several different ways to get help while completing the plan.
- a. Contact EdTech staff at [edtech@nysed.gov](mailto:edtech@nysed.gov) or call 518-474-5461 and ask for Instructional Technology Plan assistance.
  - b. Review the 2026-2029 [ITP Resources](#)
  - c. Technical questions regarding using the SED MON application: send an email to [edtech@nysed.gov](mailto:edtech@nysed.gov).

### SUBMITTING THE TECH PLAN:

1. The District is advised to consult with NYSED staff when completing their plan, well in advance of submitting the plan for review. It is important to review the plan with a NYSED reviewer prior to asking your superintendent to certify and submit the plan. Once the District has spoken with NYSED staff and believes the plan is ready for final review and approval, the plan is submitted to NYSED for review. Plan submission is a two-step process outlined below.
- a. Step #1: The District clicks on the **Save & Submit Survey** button. This button appears at the bottom of every page *if* all required questions in the tech plan are answered and no response exceeds the word limit.



- b. Step #2: The Superintendent of the District certifies the plan and submits to NYSED. Only the Superintendent can certify the plan and submit it to NYSED.

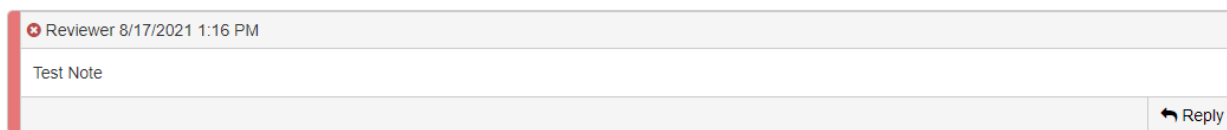
A screenshot of the 'Certification & Submission' form. At the top, there is a checkbox with a small 'x' inside, followed by the text: 'I hereby certify that I am the LEA's chief administrative officer and that the information contained in this plan is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.' Below this is a text area. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Submit'. A red arrow points to the certification checkbox.

## Approval Process

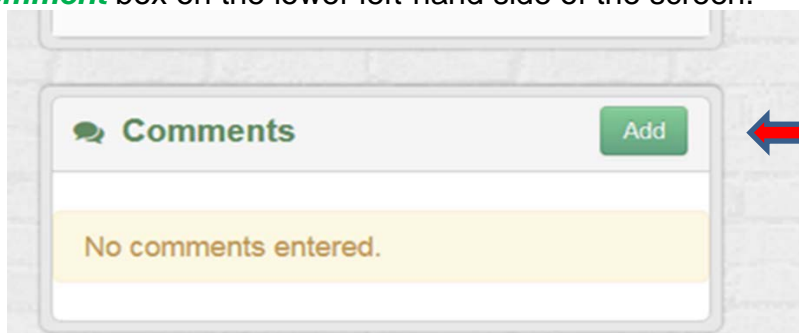
1. After reviewing the plan in the portal and being satisfied that the plan contains all of the required information, the SED staff member clicks the Approve button and approves the tech plan submission.
2. After the plan has been approved by NYSED, an approval email will automatically be generated and sent to the Superintendent, the individual who entered the plan into the portal, and all district employees with data entry rights. This approval email will be the only notification of approval sent to the District. There will be no formal approval letter sent to the district.

### When the Plan is Returned to District for Revisions:

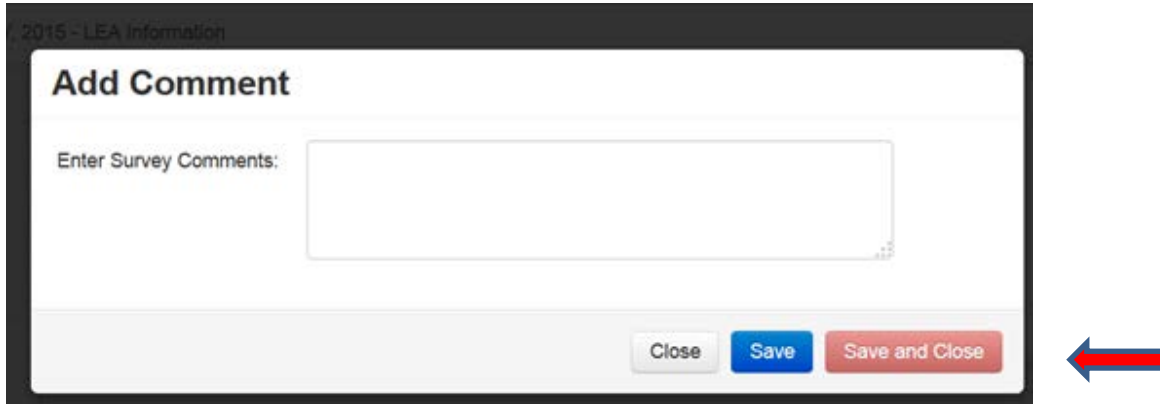
1. The NYSED Reviewer reviews the plan and determines that the District needs to revise the plan. Before the Plan is un-submitted by the Reviewer back to the district, s/he will include Notes under the specific question(s) needing revision. Only NYSED can create Notes. Districts can *reply* to notes when the plan is un-submitted back to them with notes. (see screen shot below)

A screenshot of a web interface showing a note from a reviewer. At the top, it says "Reviewer 8/17/2021 1:16 PM". Below that, the text "Test Note" is displayed. In the bottom right corner, there is a "Reply" button with a curved arrow icon. A red arrow points to the "Reply" button from the right side of the image.

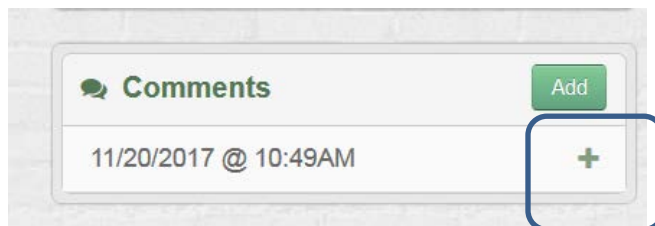
2. The NYSED Reviewer un-submits the Plan back to the District. The Note(s) from the Reviewer will now be visible to the district under the specific question(s) needing revision. Notes are only visible to the District **after** a plan has been un-submitted. When the plan is un-submitted by the Reviewer, the District will receive an email notification that the plan has been un-submitted. The District will locate and view the un-submitted plan in its inbox.
3. The Comment feature is available to the District and NYSED to add a general comment about the review. Districts may reference a specific section and question number when adding a comment. To add a comment, click on the **Add Comment** box on the lower left-hand side of the screen.

A screenshot of a "Comments" section in a web portal. It features a green speech bubble icon followed by the word "Comments" in green. To the right is a green "Add" button. Below these is a yellow box with the text "No comments entered." A red arrow points to the "Add" button from the right side of the image.

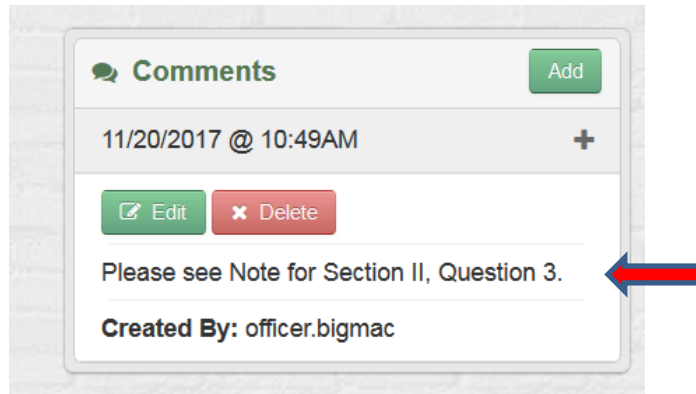
4. Type the Comment in the Add Comment box and click **Save** or **Save and Close**. It is helpful if the comment provides details about the section and question number to facilitate the review process.



- a. Once a plan has been submitted NYSED, the District and the Reviewer can use the Comment feature to discuss possible revisions to the tech plan (as long as the Comments are saved). It is **not** necessary for the Reviewer to un-submit the plan or for the District to re-certify and re-submit it for the Comments to be visible. If the plan has **not** been un-submitted to the District, it will be visible to the District in its outbox.
- b. To view a comment, click on the small **plus (+)** sign on the bottom of the Survey Navigation bar on the left.



- c. The Comment will then be visible.



5. If the District revises a response after reviewing the Reviewer's comments and notes, it is important to save it. The Reviewer can review the change and decide whether the change is now satisfactory **without** the plan having to be re-certified and re-submitted. To do so, the District would need to advise the NYSED Reviewer that the changes have been made and ask that they be reviewed while the plan is still in un-submitted status. This request should be made by sending an email to [edtech@nysed.gov](mailto:edtech@nysed.gov)
6. After the Reviewer has reviewed the changes and is satisfied that the plan is now approvable, s/he will ask the District to re-submit the plan, which requires the superintendent to re-certify and re-submit it. The revised plan is submitted to NYSED via the process described on Pages 3 and 4.
7. If NYSED finds no issues with the re-submitted plan, the NYSED staff member clicks the Approve button and approves the tech plan submission.