



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

November 2, 2012

Deborah Delisle
Assistant Secretary
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW Room 3W 315
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Delisle,

The Oklahoma State Department of Education is requesting a waiver to extend the period of availability for FY 2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds until September 30, 2016. This waiver will allow the LEAs to have a full 39 month cycle to expend funds. The grant award number is S377A11037-11A. The award amount is \$5,639,940.00.

The grant award was received by the Oklahoma State Department of Education in the spring of FY2012. The award was allocated to Cohort 3 SIG sites July of FY2013. The timing of the award has allowed 15 months for districts to encumber and claim funds. If an extension is granted for these funds it will allow Cohort 3 SIG sites to have 39 month period to expend funds.

After consultation with the USDE, it was determined to apply for a waiver requesting an extension of Grant Award S377A11037-11A until September 30, 2015. The approval of the waiver will allow both LEAs more time to implement best practices for increasing student achievement.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, Oklahoma will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice and an opportunity to comment on this request. Methods of notification will include, but may not be limited to, posting on the Oklahoma State Department of Education Web site; a message to the Oklahoma Title I Directors Listserv, and District Superintendents; and a phone conference with the Oklahoma Title I Committee of Practitioners. Copies of comments that Oklahoma may receive from the public and LEAs will be attached to the waiver request.

Oklahoma hereby assures that, if it is granted the requested waiver, it will establish an internal policy requesting LEAs to submit monthly expenditure reports to ensure funds are spent in a timely manner.

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If you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me by phone at (405) 521-4513 or via email at Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Scroggins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Ms. Gina Scroggins, Executive Director
School Support/School Improvement
Oklahoma State Department of Education

gs:ap

c: Janet C. Barresi, State Superintendent