



## OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

June 14, 2013

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 (OSDE) is requesting a waiver to extend the current Tydings Amendment, Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1225(b) for FY2010 Grant Award S377A100037. This waiver will allow local education agencies (LEAs) and the State education agency (SEA) an additional 12 months to expend the remaining funds by September 30, 2014.

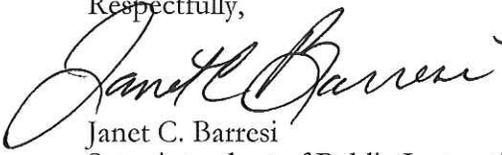
The OSDE seeks this extended waiver to allow Oklahoma's SIG schools the full three-year grant cycle of 39 months to implement grant requirements and sustain reform efforts that will ultimately improve the academic achievement of students. Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 and other factors, including Oklahoma census data, Oklahoma's Title I allocation was significantly reduced and therefore will not be able to be used to support reforms associated with school turnaround initiatives. OSDE believes that the additional time is in the public's interest and will enable qualifying LEAs to ensure their SIG/Priority schools are able to use remaining FY 2010 SIG funds to fulfill the three-year grant cycle.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, Oklahoma will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice and a reasonable 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 and an electronic message to the Oklahoma Title I Directors Listserv and District Superintendents. Copies of all comments the OSDE received in response to this notice are attached hereto.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Gina Scroggins, Executive Director, School Support/School Improvement, by phone at (405) 521-4513 or via email at [Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Gina.Scroggins@sde.ok.gov). Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

  
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