



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) on FY2012 Grant Award S010A110036-11B. This waiver will allow local education agencies (LEAs) and the State education agency (SEA) an additional 24 months to expend funds. The Title I 1003(a) School Improvement portion of FY2012 Grant Award number S010A110036-11B was \$4,355,273.04.

The Office of School Support/School Improvement received a 76% cut in FY2014 funds due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 and other factors, such as Census Data, used to determine the School Improvement portion of the Title I Grant Award. This impact is twofold, the LEA is required to continue turnaround efforts with fewer funds, and the SEA must provide administrative support to schools, such as providing onsite technical assistance to Priority Schools. The Office of School Support/School Improvement cannot provide the same level of services required in Oklahoma's approved Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver without approval of this waiver request.

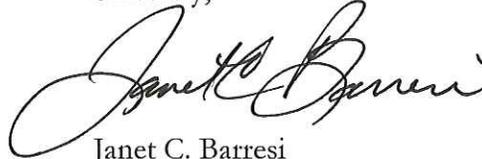
Prior to submitting this waiver request, Oklahoma will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice and an opportunity to comment on this request. Methods of notification will include, but may not be limited to, posting on the Oklahoma State Department of Education Web site and an electronic 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.

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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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Gina Scroggins, Executive Director, School Support/School Improvement