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To: Superintendents/Principals

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Subject: ESEA Flexibility – School Choice

The Oklahoma State Department of Education is committed to closing all achievement gaps and delivering on the State's goal that each student will graduate from high school college and career ready. In accordance with the ESEA Flexibility Waiver, Amended November 20, 2014, the Oklahoma State Department of Education has outlined the following guidelines in an effort to give school districts local control and flexibility when making decisions that will best meet the needs of their students:

- School districts **will not** be required to set aside any federal or state funds to provide school choice options for the 2015-2016 school year based on a school's Priority Designation.
- School districts who previously offered school choice have local control when determining the best plan for students who are currently attending a school without a designation based on the previous school choice option.
- School districts are asked to set aside a percentage of the LEA's Title I Part A allocation and reference the recommended sliding scale when developing the FY16 Title I budget in an effort to provide supplemental educational supports, interventions and remediation opportunities for students in need.

Please contact the Office of School Turnaround at 405-522-0140 or the Office of Federal Programs at 405-521-2846 for questions or if you are in need of assistance.



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