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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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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 allow unallocated funds for the federal fiscal year 2013 Grant Award Notification (GAN) S377A130037 in the amount of \$716,913.55 to roll forward to fiscal year 2016. This waiver will allow the State Education Agency (SEA) an additional year to award funds.

- Oklahoma received GAN S377A130037 in the spring of 2014
- Oklahoma awarded Cohort 4 sites in the spring of 2014
- Oklahoma allocated funds available July 1, 2014
- USDE requested Oklahoma to submit a waiver to carryover unallocated funds forward
- GAN S377A130037-13A was received fall of 2014 and is included in the waiver request

The OSDE seeks this waiver to allow the SEA to award the unallocated funds to what would be Oklahoma's Cohort 5 if the state is granted another round of SIG funds.

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 or concerns regarding this request please contact Mr. Richard Caram, Assistant State Superintendent Office of School Turnaround, by phone at (405) 522-0855 or via email at Richard.Caram@sde.ok.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet C. Barresi".

Janet C. Barresi
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Oklahoma State Department of Education

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cc: Mr. Richard Caram, Assistant State Superintendent Office of School Turnaround
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