



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

DATE: November 27, 2018
TO: Oklahoma School District Superintendents
FROM: Matt Holder, Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Federal Programs
SUBJECT: Public Comment Request for Math/Science Partnership (MSP) Waiver to Extend the Period of Availability for Grant Funds

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is requesting a 12-month Tydings waiver from the United States Department of Education (USDE) for the NCLB Title II, Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant (84.366B) award number S366B160037. These funds were originally allocated to the OSDE in the amount of \$1,827,255 on July 1, 2016. While the work of school districts and their partners was innovative and impactful, there were some funds that were unexpended across the projects that are now at risk of expiring. The OSDE anticipates needing to carry \$282,406.35 of this grant award past its original liquidation timeline. Specifically, a new request for proposals (RFP) will solicit projects that support Classroom and/or Common Formative Assessment design, implementation, and evaluation for mathematics and science.

As part of the waiver process, the OSDE must provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the pending request. This communication serves to solicit the required comments. Those wishing to provide comments on this request should submit them via email to Levi Patrick (Levi.Patrick@sde.ok.gov) no later than December 5, 2018.

This initiative aligns with the Oklahoma Edge plan (ESSA, 2018) Strategy 1.4, which states, “Enable educators to meaningfully use data from a high-quality assessment and accountability system to increase student learning,” and Strategy 1.5, which states, “Reduce barriers to equity and close the opportunity and achievement gap for all students.”