The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) Migrant Education Program (MEP) is providing this public notice to solicit comments from Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and the public regarding a waiver request to the United States Department of Education (USDE). The OSDE is seeking to waive the regulatory requirement that OSDE must use, at least once every three years until September 1, 2020, independent re-interviewers to annually validate child eligibility determinations. The waiver would allow Oklahoma one additional year to use independent re-interviews to validate its’ child eligibility determinations from the current performance reporting period (September 1, 2020, to August 31, 2021) through re-interviews for a randomly selected sample of children identified as migratory during the same performance reporting period. (34 CFR § 200.89(b)(2)(i)(A))

You can find the waiver request letter here. Comments received will be forwarded to the USDE with the requested waiver. OSDE will accept comments between Monday, December 7, 2020 through Friday, December 18, 2020, via electronic submission or U.S. mail.

Please submit your comments in writing to Dr. Gloria Bayouth, Executive Director, Office of Federal Programs, Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or electronically to Gloria.Bayouth@sde.ok.gov.