

**The Oklahoma State Department of Education Announcement  
Public Notice and Comment**

March 10, 2017

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is providing this public notice to solicit comment from local educational agencies and the public regarding the specific waiver request covering the period of availability of federal fiscal year FY13 School Improvement Grant 1003(g) funds.

This waiver only applies to School Improvement Grant 1003(g) FY2013 funds for the purpose of extending the grant to five years for eligible LEAs.

In order to extend the period of availability beyond September 30, 2017, waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) the extension of FY13 school improvement funds for the SEA and all its LEAs to June 30, 2019.

Comments received will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education with the requested waivers. OSDE will accept comments between Monday, March 13, 2017 and Monday, March 27, 2017.

**PURPOSE OF WAIVER**

Oklahoma seeks this waiver to allow Cohort 4 to have the possibility of a five-year grant. Oklahoma believes the additional time is in the LEA's best interest and will enable those qualifying to ensure their SIG/Priority/Focus schools are able to utilize SIG funds to support implementation of effective reforms and prepare for sustainability of such reforms.

The purpose of the waiver is to provide Oklahoma and its LEAs sufficient time to support continued school transformation and reform efforts. Oklahoma will ensure SIG schools properly implement school reforms to ultimately improve the academic achievement of students.

**COMMENT SUBMISSIONS:**

Please submit comments in writing to Mrs. Beth Steele, School Improvement Grant Director, Oklahoma State Department of Education, 2500 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or electronically to [Beth.Steele@sde.ok.gov](mailto:Beth.Steele@sde.ok.gov). This waiver only applies to School Improvement Grant 1003(g) FY13 funds for the purpose of making five-year awards to eligible LEAs.