

REQUEST TO EXCLUDE TITLE I, PART A ARRA FUNDS IN DETERMINING AN LEA'S 20 PERCENT OBLIGATION FOR CHOICE-RELATED TRANSPORTATION AND SES

Ramona Coats, Team Leader
Title I, IIA, and VI
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Dear Ms. Coats:

I am writing on behalf of the [*Name of School District and County/District Code*] which receives funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to request a waiver for fiscal year (FY) 2009 of the requirement in section 1116(b)(10) of the ESEA and in 34 C.F.R. § 200.48(a)(2) to determine an LEA's 20% obligation for public school choice-related transportation and supplemental educational services (SES) based on the LEA's total FY 2009 Title I, Part A allocation (both regular Title IA and Title IA ARRA allocations). Specifically, I am seeking this waiver to allow our district *to exclude some or all of the Title IA funds we receive under the ARRA* in calculating our 20% obligation for choice-related transportation and SES.

The [*Name of School District*] believes that the requested waiver will increase the quality of instruction for students and improve the academic achievement of students. This waiver would provide us with flexibility to spend ARRA funds that we would otherwise be obligated to spend on SES or choice-related transportation on other allowable Title I, Part A activities that we believe best address the particular needs of our students.

The [*Name of School District*] hereby assures that, if we are granted the requested waiver:

- We will comply with our statutory and regulatory obligations for the provision of SES and public school choice with respect to our regular Title IA allocation;
- We will use the funds freed up by the waiver to address needs identified based on data, such as Statewide or formative assessment results;
- We will comply with all of our other Title IA statutory and regulatory obligations, including the obligations in sections 1114 and 1115 to have schoolwide and targeted assistance programs that "use effective methods and instructional strategies based on scientifically based research;" and
- We will submit an amendment to our existing NCLB Consolidated application that describes the data on which we relied to identify needs that will be addressed using the funds freed up by the waiver and the evidence supporting the strategies we intend to use to address those needs. This information is included in our NCLB Consolidated application in the Other Allowable Activities textbox on Step 3 of the Title I Breakdown of Allocations.

Regular Title I Allocation \$ _____ x 20% = \$ _____ (20% required)

Title I ARRA Allocation \$ _____ x ____% = + \$ _____ (optional 0% through 20%)

Total Amount of Funds to be Utilized for SES and Public School Choice: \$ _____

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email at [*contact information*] if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Superintendent's Signature _____ Date _____