

**REQUEST TO ALLOW LEAS TO OFFER SES, IN ADDITION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE, TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS IN TITLE I SCHOOLS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

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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*] to request a one-year waiver to allow our LEA, which has one or more schools in improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, to offer supplemental educational services (SES), in addition to public school choice, to eligible students in Title I schools in the first year of school improvement. The funds spent providing SES to eligible students in those schools will count toward the LEA's obligation to spend an amount at least equal to 20 percent of its Title IA allocation on SES and choice-related transportation. In the absence of such a waiver, our LEA would only count funds spent providing SES to eligible students attending schools in the second year of improvement, in corrective action, or in restructuring toward its 20 percent obligation (ESEA section 1116(b)(10); 34 C.F.R. § 200.48).

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. By allowing us to offer SES to eligible students one year earlier than the law requires, it will enable more students within our LEA to enroll in SES. The [*Name of School District*] believes that parents of children attending schools in the first year of improvement will be eager to enroll their children in SES. The increased enrollment in SES enabled by this waiver will contribute to improving student achievement.

The [*Name of School District*] ensures that it will meet all statutory and regulatory requirements related to SES in the 2009–2010 school year (other than the particular funding requirement being waived).

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 \_\_\_\_\_