

Public Notice of Intent to Seek Waiver

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction intends to seek waivers to the following Sections of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). All waivers are related to Title I Part A, Section 1003(g) School Improvement Grants for Title I schools identified for improvement. Waivers that have been requested include:

Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of school improvement funds for the State Education Agency and all of its Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to September 30, 2013;

Section 1116(b)(12) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to allow their Tier I and Tier II Title I participating schools that will implement a turnaround or restart model to “start over” in the school improvement timeline;

Section 1114(a)(1) of the ESEA to waive the 40 percent poverty eligibility threshold to permit LEAs to implement a schoolwide program in a Tier I or Tier II Title I participating school that does not meet the poverty threshold;

Section I.A.3 paragraph (a)(2) of the definition of “persistently lowest-achieving schools” of the final requirements for the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program to include secondary schools participating under Title I, Part A of ESEA; and

Section I.A.3 of the definition of “persistently lowest-achieving schools” contained in the final requirements for the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program to exclude any school in which the total number of students in the “all students” group in the grades assessed is less than 10.

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