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CCIP Note #276

Keywords: Comparability
Attention: Superintendents, Treasurers, and Consolidated Application Contacts
Summary: The Comparability Web-based application is now required for reporting comparability.

The Ohio Department of Education received a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA).

Comparability Web-based System

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FYI

District contacts were notified by email in December when the Comparability Web-based System was activated if they are required to do the comparability report. The **Comparability Web-based application** is now required for reporting comparability. This system is accessible through the SAFE Account. The following roles are required to have access: Superintendent, Treasurer, Data Entry Funding-CCIP, or Coordinator-Title I Programs.

The system also posts a message on the Comparability Home Page if the district is required or not required to complete the report. There are **no Community Schools** currently **required** to complete the report. This report **does not apply to an ESC, DD or JVS District.** A **list of LEAs** required to complete this reporting requirement can be found here.

Districts will need to use the **Self-Report Option** this year due to comparability reporting timelines and the EMIS closing date being extended to later in March. **Self- Report Instructions:** Click on Comparability Data Verification. Next, click on the Self-Reported Data tab. Check the pre-populated data from OEDS (Building IRN, Building Name, & Grade Span columns) & CCIP (Low Income Pct. & Title I Service Columns). Select one of three methods for reporting comparability and follow the instructions outlined on the Data Verification Page. If you are using the student/instructional staff ratio to demonstrate comparable services, it is recommended that all figures used (pupil count and instruction staff FTE) reflect the EMIS October reporting period (October Count Week); otherwise, the figures should be consistent with regard to what day of the year the data collected reflects, **no later than February 1, 2012**.

(**Note:** If you prefer using the **EMIS Data Report Option**, are confident that your district is going to be comparable and don't mind waiting until EMIS closes in March, send an email to the comparability mailbox, comparability@ode.state.oh.us, indicating that you will submit the report the first week of April so we have a record.)

There are three **reference documents** located in the **Help** link on the Comparability Home Page: Web-based Title I Comparability Application Directions, Title I Comparability Compliance Procedures Template and Title I Comparability Q & A.

As a reminder, periodically check the Comparability Home Page for announcements and reminders. If you have questions, please contact your federal programs consultant (614-466-4161), Ed Peltz (614-752-1571) or Elena Sanders (614-752-1561). For technical assistance, contact Karl Koenig (614-752-1597).

Title II-D Additional Funds

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The Ohio Department of Education received a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). This waiver extends to September 30, 2012 the period of obligation of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Title II D funds. The funds are loaded into your CCIP Title II-D as additional funds. These funds must be obligated and liquidated by September 30, 2012. Your LEA must submit a Final Expenditure Report (FER). Your LEA must report through the 1512 ARRA reporting system the number of jobs created and/or retained with FFY2009 TITLE II-D funds. Please contact your consultant if you have any questions.