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CCIP Note # 360

Re: Request for Comments: School Improvement Grant (SIG) Application
Date: May 12, 2016
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Title I Directors/Coordinators and Consolidated Application Contacts

The Ohio Department of Education is seeking public input for its School Improvement Grant (SIG) application to the U.S. Department of Education.

Background
The Ohio Department of Education will be applying for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 SIG awards, as authorized under section 1003(g) of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. These funds will be used to support the academic improvement reforms for eligible priority schools. Ohio plans to begin a SIG competition in October 2016 and provide awards to eligible schools starting in January 2017. Upon U.S. Department of Education approval, Ohio plans to make three- to five-year awards to eligible priority schools.

As part of this application, Ohio has the opportunity to apply for various waivers. The department believes the waiver options below are important to the overall success of the SIG program and to improve the performance of the eligible schools. Specifically, we are seeking comments on the following waivers:

1) Period of availability of FY15 funds: Extend the availability of the FY15 funds beyond Sept. 30, 2017, until Sept. 30, 2021.
2) Period of availability of FY16 funds: Extend the availability of the FY16 funds beyond Sept. 30, 2018, until Sept. 30, 2021.
3) Eligibility to operate a schoolwide program: Permit SIG-funded priority schools to operate schoolwide programming if their student enrollment is below the 40 percent poverty threshold.

Application and wavier materials
For more information about the SIG application and waiver opportunities, click here.

Submitting comments
Comments are due by June 1, 2016. Submit comments to Ohio_SIG@education.ohio.gov