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CCIP Note #455

Re: Ohio Department of Education Seeks Comments on Opportunity for Federal Flexibility for Title IV-A Grant
Date: December 11, 2020
To: Superintendents, Treasurers and Consolidated Application Contacts for Public School Districts and Community Schools

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On April 20, 2020, Ohio requested and received a waiver of provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for School Year 2019-2020 (Federal Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019), under the waiver authority of section 3511 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. This waiver included the provisions of Title IV, Part A.

In light of the continued disruption to learning caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) during the national emergency declared by President Trump under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, the US Department of Education has offered flexibility under the under ESEA section 8401 for the 2020-2021 school year and Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Title IV, Part A funds.

Flexibilities for 2020-2021 School Year and Federal Fiscal Year 2020:

- Section 4106(d) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, related to local educational agency needs assessments for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to content-area spending requirements for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2020 Title IV, Part A funds.
- Section 4109(b) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to the fifteen percent spending limitation for technology infrastructure for FY 2020 Title IV, Part A funds.

Please note that all other requirements in Title IV, Part A of the ESEA would continue to apply.

Public comments on the fiscal waiver request may be submitted to CARESAct@education.ohio.gov until December 24, 2020. Information regarding ESEA waivers will be updated on the Ohio Department of Education's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) website located **here**.

Resources:
• The letter inviting requests for Title IV-A waivers can be found **here**.
• The Title IV-A waiver template can be found here