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CCIP Note # 478

Re: Ohio Seeking Fiscal Flexibility Waivers from the U.S. Department of Education
Date: July 9, 2021
To: Consolidated Funding Application Contacts, Superintendents/CCIP Authorized Representatives, and Treasurers/CCIP Fiscal Representatives of Public Districts, Community Schools, STEMs, and ESCs

Ohio To Request Waivers for Fiscal Flexibility

Given the extraordinary challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the US Department of Education (USED) is offering State educational agencies (SEAs) the opportunity to request waivers for fiscal flexibility for certain funds received under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Click **here** for the notice of the waiver and click **here** for the waiver template for states. Specifically, the USED is accepting waivers on the following:

1. 15 percent carryover limitation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Title I, Part A funds. This waiver would allow SEA to waiver more than once every three years, if necessary, the 15 percent carryover limitation in ESEA section 1127 for local educational agencies (LEAs)
2. Extend period of availability of certain FY 2019 funds until September 30, 2022. The funds available for this extension are those under the SEA's consolidated State plan, including:

    - Title I, Part A of the ESEA (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs), including the portions of the SEA's Title I, Part A award used to carry out section1003 school improvement, section 1003A direct student services, if applicable, and Title I, Part D, Subpart 2
    - Title I, Part B of the ESEA (State Assessment Formula Grants)
    - Title I, Part C of the ESEA (Education of Migratory Children)
    - Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 of the ESEA (Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk)
    - Title II, Part A of the ESEA (Supporting Effective Instruction)
    - Title III, Part A of the ESEA (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement)
    - Title IV, Part A of the ESEA (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants)
    - Title IV, Part B of the ESEA (21st Century Community Learning Centers)
    - Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 of the ESEA (Rural and Low-Income School Program)
    - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

Ohio Department of Education Request

The Ohio Department of Education plans to apply for these waivers and is providing the public the opportunity to comment until Friday, July 23, 2021. The state's waiver request must describe how this flexibility will advance student academic achievement and how schools will continue to provide assistance to the same populations served by programs for which waivers are requested. Please submit your comments to esea@education.ohio.gov.