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CCIP Note #508

Re: Title IV, Part A Federally Required Public Reporting and Proposed Waiver Request
Date: September 9, 2022
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

Ohio Department of Education Seeks Comments on Waiver Request for Federal Funding Flexibility
As a result of the pandemic some Local Education Agencies in Ohio are having challenges spending Title I-A funds sufficiently to limit their carryover to 15%. As a result, some of these Local Education Agencies may have difficulty meeting the carryover limitation contained in section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). In addition, some Local Education Agencies had and are having challenges spending funds from Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 for students who are identified as neglected. The Ohio Department of Education intends to apply for waivers from the U.S. Department of Education (i) to waive the requirement that limits an SEA's ability to grant to its LEAs a waiver of the 15 percent Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) to once every three years and (ii) extend the period of availability of funds for Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 until September 30, 2023. Public comments on the fiscal waiver request may be submitted to ESEA@education.ohio.gov until September 23, 2023.

Please note that the Ohio Department of Education cannot assure Local Education Agencies that waivers pertaining to either provision will be granted. Local Education Agencies are encouraged and advised to proceed under the assumption that the waivers will not be granted.

Title IV, Part A Reporting Requirements
Title IV, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains reporting requirements for State Education Agencies (SEAs) as well as Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

- ESSA Section 4104 requires State Education Agencies to publicly report on how funds made available under Title IV, Part A are being expended by local educational agencies, including the degree to which the local education agencies have made progress toward meeting their objectives and outcomes.
- ESSA Section 4106 requires Local Education Agencies to report Title IV, Part A expenditures grouped by the three allowable activity areas—well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology.

Title IV, Part A Local Education Agency (LEA) Reporting
The U.S. Department of Education provided guidance on requirements for states to meet the public reporting requirements under the Title IV, Part A, Student Supports and Academic Enrichment grant. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that received Title IV, Part A funds for any of the Fiscal Years (FY) 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 will be asked to provide information on the expenditure of those funds. The data will be collected in a similar format to the FY22 Title IV, Part A expenditure reporting outlined in CCIP Note 474. The data collection will include questions on expenditures by activity area and the LEA's progress towards meeting program objectives in each area. The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) will provide the total award amount for each federal award, by year, along with the total reported expenditures from the LEA's Final Expenditure Report (FER).

LEA Reporting Process
On *September 13, 2022*, the Authorized Representative, Fiscal Representative, and District Contact for all LEAs that received Title IV, Part A funds during the reporting periods will receive an email from donotreply@ohio-k12.help. The email will contain a link to a data collection tool for the collection of Title IV, Part A recipient expenditures and progress data.

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By *November 4, 2022*, the Title IV, Part A data collection tool must be completed by one individual at the LEA.

Note: Some LEAs were part of a federal survey to gather Title IV, Part A information for a national report. This is a separate statewide reporting survey that must also be completed.

Guidance Materials
Grant Management Manual
Title IV-A Spending Guide
Title IV-A Nonregulatory Guidance
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Additional Support
If you have questions, please contact ESFannualreporting@education.ohio.gov