CCIP Note #574

Re: Consolidated Application Updates and Flexibilities
Date: July 16, 2025
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives, and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

Consolidated Application Updates
The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) is continuing to provide updates regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Consolidated application through CCIP Notes. As described in CCIP Note 573, the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. ED) has not provided the 2025-2026 school year allocations for Titles I-C, II-A, III, IV-A, and IV-B. DEW will provide additional updates on these grants as they become available. DEW understands that this uncertainty in the timing and availability of federal resources disrupts the planning process and can pose significant challenges. Where permitted, DEW will provide local educational agencies (LEAs) the maximum available flexibility related to the federal funding that is available to LEAs. DEW is taking several steps to provide relief and flexibility to LEAs that are described below.

FY25 Consolidated Application Flexibilities
Due to the extenuating circumstances, DEW will permit LEAs the opportunity to continue submitting FY25 Consolidated application budget revisions until September 1, 2025, and Project Cash Requests (PCRs) until December 15, 2025, through the CCIP system. This flexibility is intended to give LEAs continued access to their FY25 allocations before the FY25 carry over funds are transferred into the FY26 One Funding Application (OFA). In addition, DEW will extend the deadline to submit an FY25 Final Expenditure Report (FER) until December 31, 2025. After the FER is approved, the remaining FY25 amounts will be carried over into the OFA in early 2026 to align as much as possible with the FY26 reallocation process to minimize the need for multiple budget revisions.

The chart below shows the flexibility options for the FY25 Consolidated application processes:

FY25 Consolidated Application Process:	Prior Deadline:	Updated Flexibility Deadline:	Benefit of Flexibility
*FY25 Budget Revisions	6/30/25	9/1/25	LEAs have more time to budget for current year obligations in the prior year FY25 application
**Obligation Period for FY25 (original and carryover) without a summer extension	6/30/25	9/30/25 Summer Extension not required	All FY24 funds (FY25 incoming carryover) must be obligated by 9/30/25 or will be swept

Project Cash Requests (PCRs)	9/15/25	12/15/2025	Districts have additional time to liquidate the FY25 funds
***Final Expenditure Reports (FERs)	9/30/25	12/31/25	Districts have additional time to submit a FER for the FY25 grants

**In a normal year, LEAs could not submit a budget revision or enter an obligation for previous state fiscal year applications past 6/30. However, LEAs could submit PCRs against the previous fiscal year application up until 9/15 for liquidation.*

*** The period of availability for formula funds is 27 months. The FY24 funds (FY25 incoming carryover) will expire on 9/30/25 and be swept. Only unexpended FY25 funds (not FY24 carryover) will be carried into the FY26 application. The Summer Extension application allows LEAs to make budget revisions to the previous year's application and obligate funds from 7/1 to 9/30. The summer extension is not needed under this flexibility.*

****FERs cannot be started if there is an open PCR that still needs to be processed. The deadline for submitting an FER is extended from 9/30 to 12/31/25.*

FY25 Fiscal and Flexibility Considerations

- The short-term flexibility to extend FY25 Consolidated application deadlines does not exempt the LEA from complying with the various program and reporting requirements. In other words, in a typical year, a benefit of completing the FER process in the fall is it assists the LEAs and DEW with ensuring compliance with grant reporting requirements such as nonpublic equitable service expenditures, determines allocation carryover, and refunds, etc. However, given the planning challenges and unique circumstances this year, extending the deadlines for accessing funding in the FY25 Consolidated application and end-of-year reporting is a logical option. LEAs should continue to meet all obligations and requirements under the FY25 Consolidated application including consulting with nonpublic school officials on equitable service obligations.
- DEW encourages LEAs to use the funds remaining for grants in the FY25 Consolidated application by December 31, 2025. Liquidating the FY25 fund balances by December 31 will eliminate the need for DEW to load carryover funds into the LEA's FY26 Consolidated application.
- These flexibilities will result in the FY25 fiscal year obligation period for grants in the Consolidated application ending September 30, 2025, which is outside of the traditional fiscal year. All expenditures must be obligated by September 30 and liquidated by December 31, 2025. FY25 incoming carryover (i.e. FY24 funds budgeted in FY25 application) expires on September 30, 2025. Unobligated FY25 incoming carryover amounts after September 30, 2025, will be swept. Therefore, districts should consider liquidating (i.e. submit a PCR) at least the amount of their FY25 incoming carryover prior to September 30, 2025. Funds liquidated after September 30, 2025, may require additional documentation for approval.

Additional Flexibilities and Efficiencies

- DEW will not require LEAs to submit summer extension history log notes when submitting cash requests for FY25 Consolidated application expenditures that occur after June 30, 2025.

- DEW anticipates loading the LEA FY25 carryover funds into the FY26 One Funding Application shortly after FY26 reallocation process in January to minimize the number of LEA application revisions. Due to the extended timeline and the FER approval process, some funds may be loaded later in 2026.
- DEW encourages LEAs to leverage the full flexibilities of their FY26 Title grants. For example, an LEA may want to shift eligible costs that they would generally apply in a typical year to Title II-A, III-A, IV-A (no funds currently allocated) to their FY26 Title I-A grant. LEAs may contact their assigned Federal Programs Specialist to discuss the potential flexibilities within the Title grants with FY26 allocations (Title I-A, I-D, and V-B).
- LEAs with questions about flexibilities available with the IDEA Special Education and IDEA Early Childhood Special Education grants should contact their IDEA Resource Management Specialist. Contact information can be found in the One Funding Application Contact Book.

Ongoing Communication and Support

The Department will continue to provide updates to LEAs as they become available through additional CCIP Notes. For questions about the Consolidated application, please contact your assigned Federal Programs Specialist.