CCIP Note #587

Re: Public Comment Period for a Waiver Request from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce to Extend the Period of Availability of Certain ESEA Title Funds
Date: September 16, 2026
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives, Consolidated Funding Application Contacts and Nonpublic Principals

Summary
The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (Department) plans to submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) to extend the period of availability for two federal fiscal years (FY) 2024 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) awards. Without a waiver approved by the USDE, the period of availability of the award funds will expire on September 30, 2026. The waiver will provide Ohio with an additional year to spend the awards below:

1) FFY24 Title I, Part A award specifically regarding the set aside portions for School Improvement (Section 1003) and Direct Student Services (Section 1003A) programming activities, and
2) FFY24 Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 award provided to two state agencies -- Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DRC) to support supplemental education programming activities for students residing in institutions and correctional facilities

1003 funds are provided to the lowest-performing schools to implement high-quality evidence-based school improvement initiatives and strategies. 1003A funds are provided to the lowest-performing schools to offer students access to direct student services including but not limited to advanced coursework, career pathways, personalized learning, and credit recovery. The Title ID Subpart 1 funds support neglected and delinquent students who are residing in institutions and correctional facilities with additional high-quality educational supports.

The Department welcomes comments on the request to extend the period of availability of the FY24 funds. The window period for public comments is until Wednesday, **September 30, 2026**. Please send any comments to federalprograms@education.ohio.gov**.**