**Title I Schoolwide Program Eligibility Waiver Request**

**For Schools Below 40% Poverty Threshold Requirement**

Section 1114(a)(1)(A) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, requires a Title I school to have at least 40% poverty to be eligible to operate a schoolwide program. ESEA section 1114(a)(1)(B) permits a State educational agency (SEA) to waive the 40% poverty threshold requirement, after taking into account how a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of the students in the school in improving academic achievement and other factors.

If a Title I participating school does not meet the 40% poverty threshold and wishes to obtain a waiver to operate a schoolwide program, then the local educational agency (LEA) must complete the attached waiver request form on its behalf. If multiple Title I schools wish to receive a waiver, then the LEA must complete a waiver request form for each individual school.

Please be advised the LEA and school remain responsible for meeting all other ESEA Section 1114 requirements for operating a Title I schoolwide program. This includes the development of a schoolwide program plan, based on a comprehensive needs assessment, that addresses the needs of all students, but particularly the needs of students who are failing, or at risk of failing, to meet challenging State academic standards.

Waiver request forms must be signed by the Superintendent to be accepted by RIDE. To ensure timely waiver approval, it is recommended that waiver requests are submitted prior to beginning the schoolwide planning and development process.

Please submit completed waiver request forms to:

**Miriam Alvarado**

**Rhode Island Department of Education**

**255 Westminster Street**

**Providence, RI 02903**

**miriam.alvarado@ride.ri.gov**

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| **Local Education Agency Information** |
| **LEA Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  | **Position** |  |
| **Phone #** |  | **E-mail** |  |
| **School Information** |
| **School Name** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **School Principal** |  | **% Poverty** |  |
| **Narrative** |
| **In the box below, please describe how operating a schoolwide program would best meet the needs of the students attending the school. This description must include an explanation of how the schoolwide program would improve student academic achievement. The LEA may also include any other factors that it would like RIDE to consider in granting the waiver request.** |
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| (Signature of Superintendent) |  | (Date) |