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To: Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, and District Title I Coordinators
From: Courtney A. Paulding, School and District Monitoring and Accountability Specialist
Date: June 5, 2013
Subject: Comment Period on Title I Section 1003(g) Waiver Request for No Cost Extension

The U.S. Department of Education has the discretion to grant waivers of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) statutory and regulatory requirements under section 9401 of the act. Pursuant the continuation of programming and funding under School Improvement Grant 1003(g), the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is seeking the extension of grant funds availability for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 of School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g) funding to be available through the 2013-2014 school year.

SIG funding is allocated to the states by the U.S. Department of Education to support the persistently lowest achieving (PLA) schools that have been previously identified under the No Child Left Behind Accountability System. This amendment will apply to those PLA schools that were engaged in their first full year of implementation in the 2010-2011 school year. This No Cost Extension will allow local educational agencies (LEAs) with Cohort 1 SIG schools additional time to expend remaining FY 2009 SIG funds in those schools.

This notice is to inform you of the opportunity to comment on the waiver request to extend the FY 2009 SIG 1003(g) funding availability through the 2013-2014 school year. Specifically, the RIDE is requesting a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. pp 1225(b)) to extend the period of funds availability of the FY 2009 SIG 1003(g) funding.

Comments on the RIDE request for the waiver described above should be submitted by email to Courtney A. Paulding at Courtney.Paulding@ride.ri.gov no later than June 21, 2013.