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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Waiver to extend period of availability of FFY 2014 school improvement funds (SIG 1003g)

The SIG funds are available to State education agencies (SEAs) to make competitive awards to local education agencies (LEAs) that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to substantially raise the achievement of students in priority and focus schools.

As part of the application that RIDE will submit to US ED, there is a provision to request a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FFY 2014 school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2020.

In requesting this waiver, RIDE must provide all LEAs that are eligible to receive SIG funds and the public with notice and opportunity to comment on the waiver request. RIDE will submit all comments to US ED and US ED will consider the comments when determining whether to grant the waiver request. Please submit all comments via e-mail to sarah.anderson@ride.ri.gov by April 14, 2015.