



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

January 15, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUBJECT: Second Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 (school year 2015–2016) Allocations and Supplemental Grant Award Notifications for Title I, Part A, Grants to Local Educational Agencies, and Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality State Grants

The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law (PL) 113-235) made \$3.5 billion of the total \$14.4 billion appropriated for Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (ESEA), available to States on July 1, 2015, with the remainder becoming available on October 1, 2015. PL 113-235 also made \$600 million of the total \$2.2 billion appropriated for Title II, Part A of the ESEA available to States on July 1, 2015, with the remainder becoming available on October 1, 2015.

As indicated in the October 5, 2015 memorandum to States from my predecessor, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (FY 2016 continuing resolution) included a 0.2108 percent reduction in the amount of funds provided through previous appropriation acts (including PL 113-235) that applied to the portion of FY 2015 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A funds that became available on October 1, 2015. Consistent with the FY 2016 continuing resolution, to determine the October 1, 2015 award amounts, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) revised the FY 2015 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allocations based on the 0.2108 percent reduction. (The revised FY 2015 Title I, Part A allocations also incorporated corrections submitted by some States to their State per-pupil expenditure (SPPE) data since July 1, 2015.)

Second revisions to the FY 2015 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allocations are now necessary because the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (FY 2016 appropriation) did not include the 0.2108 percent reduction that was in the FY 2016 continuing resolution. ED has recalculated the FY 2015 Title I, Part A allocations based on the full amounts appropriated in PL 113-235, which are the same appropriation amounts on which the final allocations announced in June were based. The differences between the final allocations and the second revisions are now due solely to the SPPE corrections mentioned above. With respect to FY 2015 Title II, Part A allocations, these allocations revert to the allocations that ED announced in June 2015.

The enclosed documents provide second revised SEA and LEA allocations for your State. In the near future, based on these allocations, ED will award the FY 2015 Title I, Part A funds to SEAs and the Title II, Part A funds to SEAs and State Agencies for Higher Education (SAHEs) restored by the FY 2016 appropriation.

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The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

For both Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A, an SEA must recalculate FY 2015 LEA allocations based on the second revised allocations. The SEA may then either adjust the current LEA allocations for the 2015–2016 school year or make the adjustment when the SEA determines FY 2016 (2016–2017 school year) allocations to LEAs. ED issued guidance in November 2006 under Title I, Part A that applies in this situation, which is available at:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/fy2006allocationsguidance.doc>.

FY 2015 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A funds remain available for obligation and expenditure through September 30, 2016. Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act further provides that funds not obligated by the end of the funding period shown in Block 6 of the grant award document remain available for obligation and expenditure at the State and local levels for an additional 12 months — in this case, until September 30, 2017. ESEA section 1127 places a 15 percent limitation on the amount of Title I, Part A funds an LEA may carry over from one year to the next.

Thank you for your leadership in implementing these programs. Please send any questions to Todd Stephenson (Todd.Stephenson@ed.gov) and to your State contact (OSS.[State]@ed.gov (e.g., OSS.Utah@ed.gov)) in the Office of State Support.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures

1. Second Revised FY 2015 SEA and LEA allocations for the Title I, Part A Basic, Concentration, Targeted, and Education Finance Incentive Grants formulas.
2. A notification of the second revisions to Congress that provides more detail about the operation of the Title I, Part A formulas.
3. Second Revised FY 2015 Title II, Part A, SEA and SAHE allocations.

cc: State Title I Directors
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