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August 27, 2014

Ms. Deborah S. Delisle
Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Delisle:

I am writing to request a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (also known as the "Tydings Amendment") as it affects the authority of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and its sub-recipients to obligate fiscal year (FY) 2010, after September 30, 2014. Specifically I am requesting that the authority to obligate funds for the State-administered Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs listed in the attached chart be extended.

The extended authority to obligate these funds would enable ISBE and its sub-recipients to continue to increase the quality of instruction for students, improve academic achievement, and continue to assist the same populations served by the programs for which this waiver is being requested in accordance with applicable program requirements.

ISBE assures it has:

- Provided all sub-recipients of the programs affected by the waiver with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. ISBE provided such notice by publicizing the waiver in the weekly Superintendent's Bulletin on July 29, 2014 (see <http://www.isbe.net/board/archivemessages/archivemessage.htm>) and by sending out an IWAS blast email to all those who work on the NCLB Consolidated State Application which includes Superintendents, Title I Directors and business administrators;
- Not received any comments to date in response to the notice, but if any such comments are received by ISBE they will be forwarded to the Department; and
- Provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner that ISBE customarily provides such notice and information to the public by posting information regarding the waiver request on its website (see <http://www.isbe.net/nclb/htmls/waivers.htm>).

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ISBE further assures that if it receives the requested waiver, ISBE will:

- Ensure that sub-recipients within the state will use FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012 funds carried over as a result of the waiver to carry out activities in accordance with program requirements; and
- Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable based on the state's annual measurable objectives.

Please feel free to contact Amy Jo Clemens at 217-524-4832 or aclemens@isbe.net if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris A. Koch".

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

Attachment

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF FY 2010, 2011 AND 2012 FUNDS UNDER STATE-ADMINISTERED ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) PROGRAMS

ILLINOIS				
CFDA NUMBER	NAME OF PROGRAM	GRANT AWARD NUMBER	ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT REMAIN UNOBLIGATED	END DATE EXTENSION REQUEST
84.377A	TITLE 1 1003 Part G School Improvement Grants	S377A100014	\$19,830,300	September 30, 2015
84.366B	Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnerships	S366B120014	\$2,995,383	September 30, 2015