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Public Notice

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SANTA FE – On September 21, 2011, the US Department of Education (ED) provided states with the opportunity to apply for a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) as it affects the authority of states and its sub-recipients to obligate fiscal year 2009 regular and ARRA funds after September 30, 2011. This notice of intent to file waiver requests is required under the waiver process.

Specifically, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) may request the authority to obligate funds for the State-administered Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs listed below to be extended to September 30, 2012.

The ESEA programs that we intend to include in our waiver request are:

- Title I, Part A Grants to local Educational Agencies
- Title I, Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies (Recovery Act)
- Title I, Part B, Subpart 3 Even Start
- Title II, Part A Improving Teacher Quality State Grants
- Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed Tech) State Program
- Title III, Part A English Language State Grants
- Title IV, Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Community Grants
- State Assessment Grants

The extended authority to obligate these funds would enable the NMPED and its sub-recipients to increase the quality of instruction for students, improve their 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.

Comments regarding this notice can be submitted to Gail Flanagan at gail.flanagan@state.nm.us by 5:00 pm on October 20, 2011.

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