



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



April 23, 2020

**UPDATED**

Dear Superintendents and School Business Officials:

On April 9, 2020, the State Department of Education requested a waiver from the United States Department of Education to various grant provisions pursuant to Section 3511 of Division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), P.L. 116-136 (H.R. 748), 34 Stat. 281 (Mar. 27, 2020). Our requested waiver on behalf of the Department and its subgrantees (e.g., local educational agencies (LEAs)) was approved, and I am glad to share with you the flexibility we have received for the following grants:

- Waiver of the carryover limitation in Section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2019 Title I, Part A funds (i.e., the Title I, Part A funds that will become carryover funds on October 1, 2020). LEAs may carryover more than 15 percent of their Title I, Part A funds.
- Waiver of Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) allowing us to extend the period of availability of FY 2018 (2018-20 grant period) funds for programs in which the state educational agency (SEA) participates under its approved consolidated state plan until September 30, 2021. The programs eligible for this waiver are as follows:
  - Title I, Part A of the ESEA (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs), including the portions of the SEA's Title I, Part A award used to carry out Section 1003 school improvement, Section 1003A direct student services, if applicable.
  - Title I, Part B of the ESEA (State Assessment Formula Grants)
  - Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 of the ESEA (Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk)
  - Title II, Part A of the ESEA (Supporting Effective Instruction)
  - Title III, Part A of the ESEA (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement)
  - Title IV, Part A of the ESEA (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants)
  - Title IV, Part B of the ESEA (21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers)
  - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program
- Waiver of the following requirements in Title IV, Part A of the ESEA. (Note: At this time, these waivers are only applicable to LEAs that received \$30,000 or more in Title IV, Part A funds. The Department will be submitting a follow-up request on behalf of districts that receive less than this amount.)

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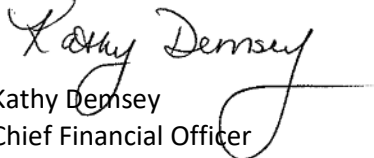
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- Needs assessment requirements in Section 4106(d) for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - Content area spending requirements in Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E): the requirements to use a minimum percentage of Title IV, Part A funds for activities under Sections 4107, 4108 and 4109 for FY 2019 funds and any available FY 2018 carryover funds.
  - Spending limitation in Section 4109(b): the 15 percent limit on the use of funds under Section 4109 to purchase technology infrastructure for FY 2019 funds and any available FY 2018 carryover funds.
- Waiver of the definition of professional development in Section 8101(42) of the ESEA for the 2019-2020 school year.

I encourage you to contact your assigned grant program manager if you have further questions regarding the implementation of these waivers.

Sincerely,

  
Kathy Demsey  
Chief Financial Officer

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