

TITLE I UPDATES

March 1, 2013

SEQUESTRATION

Rich Long, the Executive Director for Governmental Relations for the National Title I Association, conducted a webinar on the potential impact of sequestration on federal education funds on Thursday, February 28, 2013. The recorded webinar may be downloaded and viewed at:

<http://ondemand.titlei.org/media/111/Update-on-Sequestration-&-March-Fiscal-Issues>.

As a follow-up to the webinar, Dr. Monique Chism, Director of the Student Achievement and School Accountability (SASA) office at the U. S. Department of Education (USED), has provided the following link that provides state-by-state reports issued by the White House showing the impact of the sequester. The link, which can be accessed at <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2013/02/sequestration-would-hurt-students-teachers-and-schools/>, will enable you to see the impact that a five percent sequester reduction would have on State Title I, Part A allocations. The table compares the estimated amount States would receive for fiscal year (FY) 2013 (school year 2013-14) in the absence of sequester, and the estimated FY 2013 amount if the sequester goes into effect. In addition, the link enables you to see what impact sequestration would have on the 100 largest school districts across the country.

Please note that we will provide additional information on the potential impact to 2013-14 Title I allotments as soon as it becomes available.

ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS SUMMARY REPORT

The Consolidated Federal Data Collection System (CFDC) will open today, March 1st, 2013, to begin the collection of data for the Eligible Schools Summary Report (ESSR). ESSR data identifies low-income data and the Title I status of schools that will be eligible and/or served with Title I funds in the 2013-14 school year. Completion of ESSR is required to be submitted before local education agencies (LEAs) and charter schools can start the 2013-14 application for federal funds in the Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP).

Attached to this email is an updated Data Collection Calendar. Please remember that it is important to enter data in the CFDC system on an ongoing basis to avoid late data entry. For more information about federal reporting requirements and the CFDC system, go to: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/data/>.

SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for April 29, 2013. The North Carolina Association of Compensatory Educators (NCACE) will host a one-day Title I Conference on April 29, 2013, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC. The event will focus on implementation of schoolwide program components to effectively address interventions for at-risk students. A variety of sessions will be offered to assist Focus

Schools and other Title I schools in developing schoolwide plans aligned to current cross-agency initiatives. Conference registration information will be provided in a separate email. For more information, contact Dr. Rhonda Muhammad at Rhonda.muhammad@dpi.nc.gov.

NCACE has reserved a block of rooms at a reduced rate for staff requiring overnight travel. Reservations are now available. To reserve a room, go to: <http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/embassy-suites-greensboro-airport-GSOGBES/index.html>. Be sure to mention that your reservation is for the NCACE Title I Conference to secure the conference rate.

2013-14 MONITORING

This year marks the end of the three-year cycle for our Cross-Program Consolidated Monitoring. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) monitoring team will have the opportunity to review current practices and identify areas for improvement for the next cycle. Programs that will be included in the next cycle will include Title I, Migrant Education, Neglected and Delinquent Programs, and Rural Education Achievement Programs. Beginning in 2013-14, we will also incorporate Title II, Improving Teacher Quality programs in the monitoring reviews. A schedule of monitoring visits for 2013-14 will be provided to Title I Directors as early in the summer as possible.

COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CCIP)

In an effort to support improvements to the annual grant application and planning process, the following changes to the CCIP Funding Application will be in effect for the 2013-14 school year:

- Title II, Improving Teacher Quality grants will be added to the Consolidated Application.
- Title I will include comparable service on the Grant Details page for skipping schools.
- Title I will include waiver “language” and removes District Improvement references.
- Migrant Education will include signed/scanned Assurances in the Related Required Documents.
- The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will be added under Competitive Grants.
- The McKinney-Vento continuation application will be added under Competitive Grants – the new McKinney-Vento application will be added in 2014-15 for new competitions.

To accommodate local staff that may need training, CCIP training sessions will be conducted at DPI in the Education Building located at 301 N Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC, on the following dates:

- April 30
- May 16, May 17, May 27, May 28
- June 3, June 4
- July 1, July 2, July 5

Registration information will be provided in a separate email. For questions about CCIP, contact Anita Harris at Anita.harris@dpi.nc.gov. For additional information about CCIP, go to: <http://ccip.schools.nc.gov/default.aspx?ccipSessionKey=634977323388529191>.

COMPREHENSIVE CONFERENCE FOR STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT (CCSA)

NCDPI is pleased to announce the third annual Collaborative Conference for Student Achievement (CCSA). The creation of this one-stop conference reflects the Agency's efforts to accommodate some of the economic challenges experienced by schools and communities by providing a multi-faceted professional development and information opportunity for educators and education stakeholders by consolidating the former Accountability, Safe Schools, and Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps conferences.

The 2013 CCSA will be held on March 25-27, 2013, at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons located at the Joseph Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. To register for the conference, go to: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/conference/>.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (SIG)

NCDPI recently submitted its application to the USED for approximately \$14.3 million dollars in FY12 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds authorized under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). With approval, LEAs currently serving Priority Schools identified under the approved North Carolina ESEA Flexibility Request will be eligible to apply for SIG funding this spring. Please note that current SIG schools approved for funding in 2010 or 2011 are not eligible to apply for additional 1003(g) SIG funds at this time. Thirty-five (35) schools in twenty-five (25) LEAs representing all eight regions of North Carolina will be eligible to apply this year, with applications due on April 19, 2013. For additional information, please contact George Hancock at George.hancock@dpi.nc.gov or 919.807.3911.

NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY

On Monday, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Wendy Spencer, chief executive officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), announced a new competitive grant program that will provide \$15 million in public funds over three years to reinforce and accelerate intervention efforts in the nation's lowest-performing schools: The School Turnaround AmeriCorps program. The program will support the placement of a dedicated cadre of AmeriCorps members in schools that are implementing a turnaround effort through the federal School Improvement Grant (SIG) program or turnaround principles as Priority Schools under an approved ESEA flexibility waiver. Please note that this includes Cohort 1 schools completing SIG this year, as well as Priority Schools. This innovative approach seeks to increase student academic achievement, attendance and high school graduation rates, and college and career readiness in those schools by supplying struggling schools with much-needed talent to support the implementation of school improvement plans.

A notice of intent to apply must be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service by April 2, 2013, via e-mail at: americorpsgrants@cns.gov. Applications are due on April 23, 2013. Grants will be awarded by mid-July. More information about the notice of intent and application instructions may be found at: http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp.

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