



PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT: Comment period opens for a one year waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1225(b), to extend the period of availability of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Title I, Part A funds awarded under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), until September 30, 2015

BALTIMORE, MD (April 11, 2014)

The Maryland State Department of Education is seeking public comment regarding its request to the United States Department of Education (USED) for a one year waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1225(b), to extend the period of availability of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Title I, Part A funds awarded under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), until September 30, 2015. This request for the waiver, submitted pursuant to section 9401(d)(2) of the ESEA, would permit the Maryland State Department of Education, in accordance with criteria Maryland develops, to identify and allow local educational agencies (LEAs) additional time to expend remaining FY 2012 SIG funds.

The Maryland State Department of Education believes that the additional time is in the public interest and will enable continued full and effective implementation of selected SIG intervention models for one additional year.

Below is a list for each LEA with the amount of FY 2012 SIG funds remaining and the name of each school within the LEA that would use this extension.

Local Education Agency (LEA)	LEA NCES ID	SIG II Schools Cohort 2	NCES Number	Tier I	Tier II
Baltimore City Public School System Unspent funds as of April 1, 2014: <u>\$2,061,379</u> <u>33% spent down</u>	2400090	Cherry Hill Elementary/ Middle	24000900017	X	
		Benjamin Franklin High School @Masonville Cove	240009000157		X
		Frederick Douglass High School	240009000209		X
Prince George's County Public Schools Unspent funds as of April 1, 2014: <u>\$1,870,287</u> <u>44% spent down</u>	2400510	Oxon Hill Middle School	240051001471		X
		Thomas Johnson Middle School	240051001175		X

The state education agency (SEA) will approve an LEA's request to implement the waiver only if the LEA has effectively used FY 2012 SIG Title I, Part A funds to carry out the SIG final requirements to improve student achievement, in accordance with section 9401(d)(2)(A) of the ESEA.

Written comments will only be accepted from April 11, 2014 through April 25, 2014.

Comments must be addressed to:

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Thank you for your consideration.