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July 7, 2017

The Honorable Jason Botel  
Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

RE: Request to Waive Duration Access Restriction Regarding Fiscal Year 2016 Title I, Part A Award Funds

Dear Assistant Secretary Botel:

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is writing on behalf of Washington state to request that fiscal year 2016 Title I, Part A set-aside funds for awards to outstanding schools be made available to the state for one additional fiscal year. This request in part is based upon the change to the availability of Title I, Part A funds that had previously been available to states under No Child Left Behind to recognize outstanding Title I, Part A schools. This set-aside is no longer available for Title I, Part A funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

This request is to carry forward \$80,000 of FY16 funds to provide awards for four National Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools and for up to nine Title I, Part A Academic Achievement Awards. The awards will be based upon 2018 assessment and achievement data.

For the past 20 plus years, Washington state has awarded recognition funds to the top four schools in our state as Title I, Part A National/State Distinguished School's and to nine Title I, Part A Academic Achievement schools in the nine sections of our state that have implemented successful Title I programs. Part of the responsibility of these schools was and continues to be providing stories and workshops to other schools, not just Title I, Part A schools.

This request is time sensitive because if not granted, OSPI is responsible to expend the \$80,000 before the end of the fiscal period in which the funds were granted to the state. Therefore, we request an answer to our request within the next six weeks. If we do not hear back by that time, OSPI will assume that the funds may be carried forward to be used during the 2017-18 school year.

If you need further information, please contact Gayle Pauley at [gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us](mailto:gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us) or 360-725-6170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gayle Pauley".

Gayle Pauley  
Assistant Superintendent  
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