

Public Notice

Public Notice for OSPI Title I Waiver Request to U.S. Department of Education for the 2015–16 School Year.

Notice to the public of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's intent to apply to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) for a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A regulatory provision that prohibits a state from approving as providers of supplemental educational services (SES) schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, and local educational agencies (LEAs) identified for improvement or corrective action.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to notify Washington's citizens of the state's intent to request this waiver. Members of the public are asked to provide comment on the waiver request to OSPI. Comments from the public will be included in OSPI's request to the USDE.

Please send comments to Carrie Hert at carrie.hert@k12.wa.us, by close of business on Wednesday, July 1 2015.

Washington's Waiver Request

OSPI is requesting a one-year waiver of the Title I, Part A regulatory provision that prohibits a state from approving as providers of supplemental educational services (SES) schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring, and local educational agencies (LEAs) identified for improvement or corrective action (34 C.F.R. § 200.47(b)(1)(iv)(A),(B)).

Under the law, OSPI may approve as an SES provider only an entity that has a demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing student academic achievement. Washington believes that identified schools and LEAs may be able to establish that they have an effective program that can help improve academic achievement of students and should not be prevented automatically from gaining approval simply because of their improvement status.