

Public Notice for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Waiver Request to U.S. Department of Education

Notice to the public of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction’s intent to apply to the U.S. Department of Education for a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (the “Tydings Amendment”) as it affects the authority of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and its sub-recipients to obligate fiscal year (FY) 2009 regular and ARRA funds after September 30, 2011.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to notify Washington State citizens of the state’s intent to request a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) (the “Tydings Amendment”) as it affects the authority of OSPI and its sub-recipients to obligate fiscal year (FY) 2009 regular and ARRA funds after September 30, 2011. Specifically, OSPI is requesting that the authority to obligate funds for the State-administered Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs listed below are extended to September 30, 2012.

<i>Washington State</i>			
CFDA Number	Name of Program	Grant Award Number	Estimate of the Amount of FY 2009 Funds that Remain Unobligated
84.389A	Title I, Part A (ARRA)	S389A090047A	\$1,323,692
84.213A	Title I, Part B, Subpart 3 Even Start	S213C090048A	\$18,769
84.367A	Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality	S367A090045A	\$136,244
84.386A	Title II, Part D, Enhancing Technology (Ed-Tech ARRA)	S386A090047	\$238,053

Washington State, through Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), requests a one-year waiver to request that the authority to obligate funds for the State-administered Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs listed in the attached chart be extended to September 30, 2012.

The extended authority to obligate these funds would enable OSPI and its sub-recipients to increase the quality of instruction for students, improve their academic achievement, and continue to assist the same populations served by the programs for which this waiver is being requested in accordance with applicable program requirements.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction assures that, if it receives the requested waiver, it will:

- Ensure that sub-recipients within the State will use FY 2009 funds carried over as a result of the waiver to carry out activities in accordance with program requirements;
- Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable based on the State’s annual measurable objectives; and
- Estimate the number of jobs created or retained with regular Federal FY 2009 funds after September 30, 2011, in a manner and format consistent with the quarterly reports

required under Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and make such estimates available to the U.S. Department of Education upon request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact JoLynn Berge, Director of School Apportionment and Financial Services at (360) 725-6301 or email jolynn.berge@k12.wa.us.