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Washington Office of Superintendent of  
**PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**  
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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**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 Public Instruction (OSPI) and its sub-recipients to obligate fiscal year (FY) 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds after December 30, 2021.**

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) 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds after December 30, 2021. Specifically, OSPI is requesting the authority to obligate funds for the SIG program to be extended to September 30, 2022.

<b>CFDA Number</b>	84.377A
<b>Name of Program</b>	School Improvement Grants
<b>Grant Award Number</b>	S377A160048
<b>Estimate of the Amount of FY 2012 Funds that Remain Unobligated</b>	\$163,000

Washington state, through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), requests a one-year waiver to request that the authority to obligate funds for the SIG program be extended to September 30, 2022.

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

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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 further assures that, if it receives the requested waiver, it will:

1. Ensure that sub-recipients within the State will use FY 2016 funds carried over as a result of the waiver to carry out activities in accordance with program requirements; and
2. Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable based on the state's annual measurable objectives.

Please send all comments to Melinda Oum at [melinda.oum@k12.wa.us](mailto:melinda.oum@k12.wa.us) by end of day, Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact Veronica Gallardo, Assistant Superintendent, Office of System and School Improvement at 360-725-4960 or [OSSI@k12.wa.us](mailto:OSSI@k12.wa.us).

Thank you for your consideration.