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July 14, 2015

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

RE: Request to Waive Provision on Approving an Identified School or LEA as a Supplemental Educational Service Provider

Dear Assistant Secretary Delisle:

Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (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.

Washington will determine adequate yearly progress (AYP) based on assessments administered in the 2014-15 school year in accordance with the requirements of Section 1111 (b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The elementary, middle, and high school state uniform bar goals for English language arts and mathematics are included in Attachment A.

Washington believes that, ultimately, allowing some identified schools or LEAs to serve as SES providers will help more students within Washington to reach the state's proficiency objectives. If granted the requested waiver, Washington will ensure that only those LEAs and schools that meet the state's requirements for SES providers are approved to be on the state's list of approved SES providers for the 2015-16 school year.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, Washington provided all LEAs in the state, and the public, with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. Washington provided such notice by sending an email to each LEA (see Attachment B) and posted a public notice online at <http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/PublicNoticesWaivers.aspx> (see Attachment C), on June 22, 2015.

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In summary, OSPI assures that, if granted the requested waiver, the agency will submit to the U.S. Department of Education, by September 30, 2015, a report that provides the total number of LEAs identified for improvement or corrective action that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2015-16 school year and the total number of schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2015-16 school year.

If you have any questions, please call me 360-725-6170 or email gayle.pauley@k12.wa.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

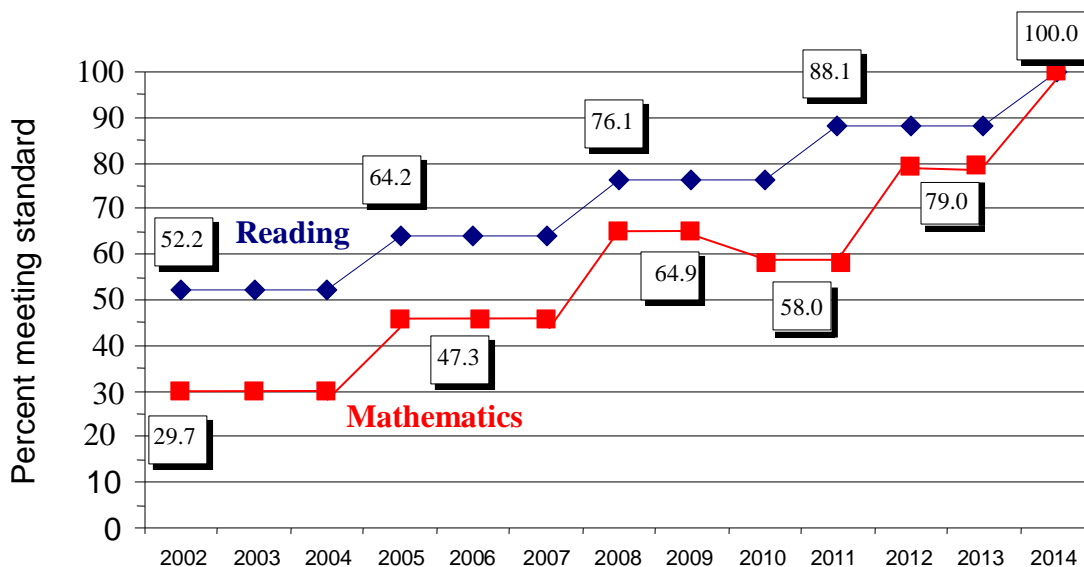
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauley".

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Assistant Superintendent
Special Programs & Federal Accountability

Attachment A: State Uniform Bar Goals for ELA and Mathematics
Attachment B: Copy of District Notice and District Comments
Attachment C: Copy of Public Notice and Public Comments

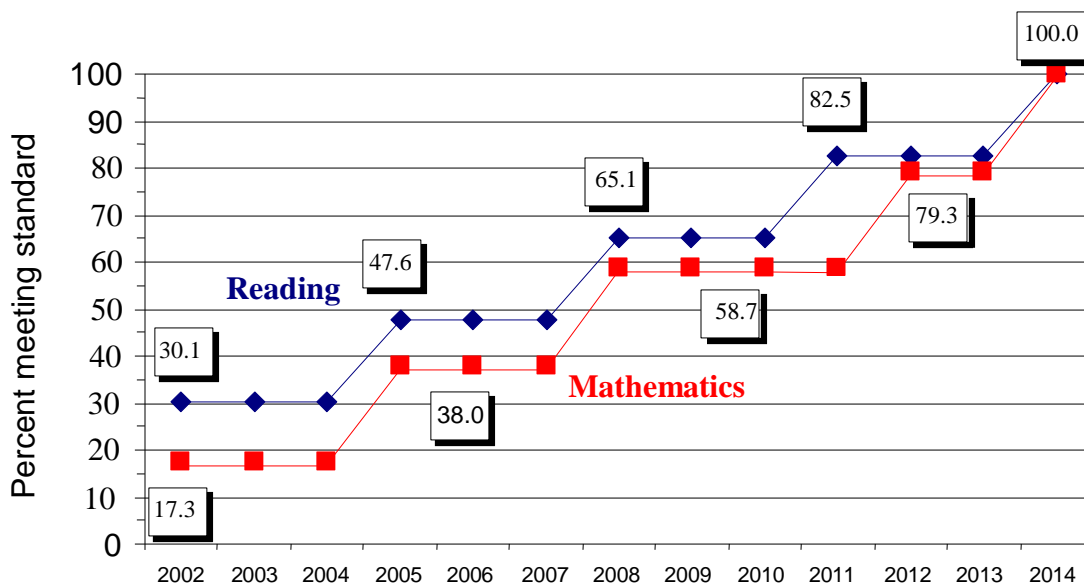
Reading and Mathematics AMOs

Elementary Uniform Bar (3–5)



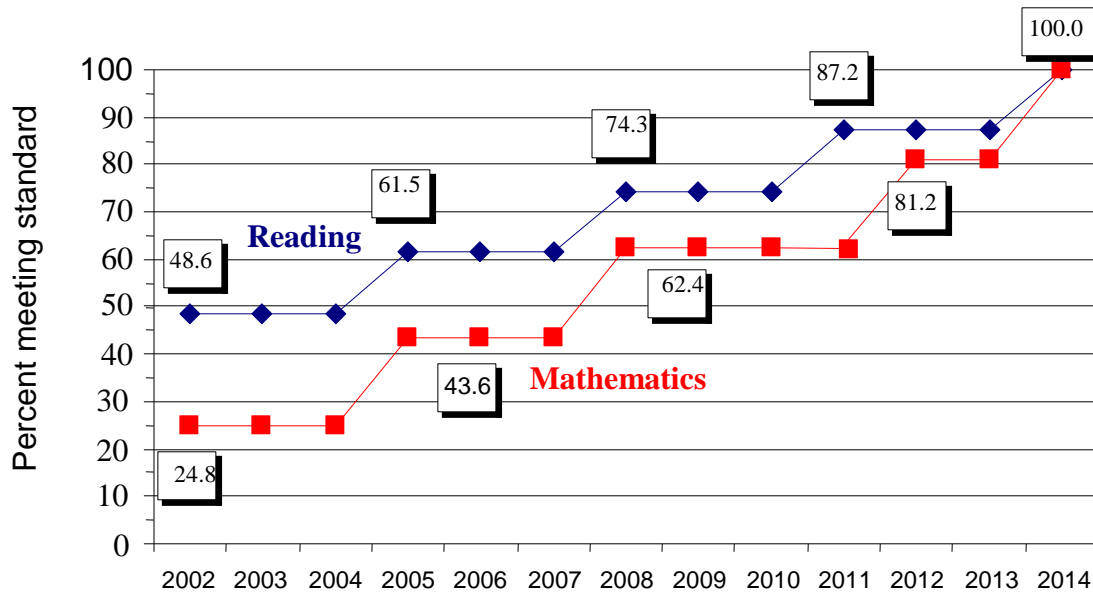
NOTE: The state uniform bar changed for 2010–13 based upon new cut scores on the mathematics assessments.

Middle School Uniform Bar (6-8)



NOTE: The state uniform bar changed for 2010–13 based upon new cut scores on the mathematics assessments.

High School Uniform Bar



NOTE: The state uniform bar changed for 2011 based upon new cut scores on the high school mathematics assessment.

Copy of District Notice and District Comments

District Notice

Notice to public school districts of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI'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 public school districts of the state's intent to request this waiver. Districts are asked to provide comment on the waiver request to OSPI. Comments from districts 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

Provisions to be Waived

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)).

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Washington's Plan

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District Comments Received

No district comments were received.

Copy of Public Notice and Public Comments

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.

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Public Comments Received

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