

Administrative Memo

Date: May 7, 2015
To: School Administrators
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Subject: QS-15-011 ESEA Flexibility and Identification of Priority and Focus Schools

Missouri's ESEA waiver renewal was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education on March 31, 2015. The renewal application allowed the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) to request a "pause" that would require the list of priority and focus schools be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by January 31, 2016 rather than as a component of the application itself. LEAs/schools will be notified prior to submission of the list.

The following is the preliminary timeline for Priority and Focus School identification, pending the approval of the waiver request:

May 15, 2015	Cadre III 1003(g) SIG Application available
June 30, 2015	Cadre III 1003(g) SIG Application due
September 30, 2015	Period of availability of 1003(a) School Improvement funding ends for currently identified focus schools and the period of availability of 1003(g) School Improvement Grant (SIG) funding ends for Cadre II
October 30, 2015	<i>On or before this date</i> , Priority, Focus, Other Title I Schools and Reward Schools are identified and notified of status
January 1, 2016	Preliminary Focus School Accountability Plans due to Area Supervisors for review
January 31, 2016	List of Priority, Focus and Other Title I Schools submitted to U.S. Department of Education
February/March 2016	Applications for 1003(g) SIG Cadre IV due to Department
August 2016	1003(g) SIG Cadre IV to begin implementation

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