



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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### **2010 SIG 1003(g) Request for Comments**

Missouri intends to request the following waivers as part of the 2010 SIG 1003(g) application process. Missouri believes that these waivers will allow schools to implement the SIG program effectively in eligible schools in order to improve the quality of instruction and raise the academic achievement of students in Tier I, Tier II and Tier III schools.

**Waiver 1 – Tier II waiver:** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education intends to request a waiver to allow it to include in the pool of secondary schools from which it determines those that are the persistently lowest-achieving schools in the State, secondary schools participating under Title I, Part A of the ESEA, that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for at least two consecutive years or are in the State’s lowest quintile of performance based on proficiency rates on the State assessments in reading/language arts and mathematics combined.

**Waiver 2 – n-size waiver:** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education intends to request this waiver to allow the State to exclude from the pool from which it identifies the persistently lowest-achieving schools for Tier I and Tier II, any school in which the total number of students in the “all students” groups in grades assessed is lower than 30.

**Waiver 4 – School improvement timeline waiver:** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requests this waiver to allow schools identified as Tier I, Tier II and Tier III Title I participating schools that fully implement either the restart or turnaround model to “start over” in the school improvement timeline.

**Waiver 5 – Schoolwide program waiver:** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is requesting this waiver from section 1114(a)(1) of the ESEA to allow the State to waive the 40 percent poverty threshold to allow identified Tier I, Tier II and Tier III schools who do not meet the poverty threshold and are fully implementing one of the four intervention models to implement a schoolwide program.

**Waiver 6 – Period of Availability of FY 2009 carryover funds waiver:** This waiver will allow the State to extend the period of availability of the FY2009 carryover funds for the SEA and all of its LEA’s until September 30, 2014.

Please send comments to [webreplysig2010@dese.mo.gov](mailto:webreplysig2010@dese.mo.gov) , by December 13, 2010.