

Request for Comments

Missouri intends to request a waiver of the requirement to carry over 25 percent of the 2009 SIG funds as required if 100 percent of the State's Tier I schools are not served in the first year of the funding period as found in section II.B.9(a) of the final requirements. Missouri believes that it is important to fund as many Tier I and Tier II schools as possible during the first year of the funding period in order for the schools to have the best chance to fully implement the activities of the required interventions. Furthermore, Missouri does not intend to fund any Tier III schools in order to use the available funds to support meaningful activities in the Tier I and Tier II schools the LEAs/districts have committed to and have the capacity to serve.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, Missouri provided all LEAs in the State with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. Missouri provided such notice by sending an email to each LEA on July 28, 2010 (*see* copy of notice attached). Copies of all comments that Missouri received from LEAs in response to the notice are attached hereto. Missouri has also provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner in which Missouri customarily provides such notice and information to the public by posting the information on the Department's Web site (*see* attached copy of public notice).

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email at (573) 751-4234 or Margie.Vandeven@dese.mo.gov if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

By August 12, 2010, please send comments to webreplyimprfii@dese.mo.gov.