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Dear Angela Riner-Mooney:

Thank you for submitting a report of your State's proposed teacher shortage areas, and providing the appropriate supporting information. The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has evaluated your proposed teacher shortage areas pursuant to specific provisions addressed in regulations concerning Federal student financial aid programs. In particular, 34 CFR Sec. 682.210(q)(6) and 682.210(q)(7) address the prescribed and alternative methodologies to calculate the proposed designated teacher shortage areas as well as the supporting documentation and assurances that must accompany the requested shortage areas.

In response to your submission, the Department has designated the following academic disciplines or subject matter (noted at specific grade levels, if provided) and geographic regions (if reported) as teacher shortage areas during the 2016-2017 school year:

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Art (K – 12)
Dance (K – 12)
Music-Instrumental (K - 12)
Music-Vocal (K – 12)
Speech & Theatre (Grades 5-12)
English (Grades 9 – 12)
Journalism (Grades 9 – 12)
Language Arts (Grades 5 – 9)
English for Speakers of Other Languages (K – 12)
Chinese (K – 12)
French (K – 12)
German (K – 12)
Italian (K – 12)
Latin (K – 12)
Russian (K – 12)

Spanish (K – 12)
 Health (K – 12)
 Physical Education (K – 12)
 Driver Education (Grades 9 – 12)
 Mathematics (Grades 5 – 12)
 Biology (Grades 9 – 12)
 Chemistry (Grades 9 – 12)
 Earth Science (Grades 9 – 12)
 General science (Grades 5 – 12)
 Physics (Grades 9 – 12)
 Social Science (Grades 5 – 12)
 Gifted Education (K – 12)
 Blind & Partial Sight (Birth – 12)
 Deaf & Hearing Impaired (Birth – 12)
 Mild to Moderate Cross-Categorical (K – 12)
 Severe Developmental Disabilities (Birth – 12) Speech Language Pathology (Birth – 12)
 Special Reading (K – 12)
 Technology & Engineering (Grades 5 – 12)
 Agricultural Education (Grades 5 – 12)
 Business Education (Grades 5 – 12)
 Family and Consumer Science (Birth – 12)
 Marketing (Grades 9 – 12)
 ROTC (Grades 9 – 12)

Geographic Regions (Counties)

Adair	Christian	Hickory
Andrew	Clark	Holt
Atchison	Clay	Howard
Audrain	Clinton	Howell
Barry	Cole	Iron
Barton	Cooper	Jackson
Bates	Crawford	Jasper
Benton	Dade	Jefferson
Bollinger	Dallas	Johnson
Boone	Daviess	Knox
Buchanan	Dekalb	Laclede
Butler	Dent	Lafayette
Caldwell	Douglas	Lawrence
Callaway	Dunklin	Lewis
Camden	Franklin	Lincoln
Cape Girardeau	Gasconade	Linn
Carroll	Gentry	Livingston
Carter	Greene	Macon
Cass	Grundy	Madison
Cedar	Harrison	Marion
Chariton	Henry	

McDonald	Pike	St. Francois
Mercer	Platie	St. Louis
Miller	Polk	St. Louis City
Mississippi	Pulaski	Ste . Genevieve
Moniteau	Putnam	Stoddard
Monroe	Ralls	Stone
Montgomery	Randolph	Sullivan
Morgan	Ray	Taney
New Madrid	Reynolds	Texas
Newton	Ripley	Vernon
Nodaway	Saline	Warren
Oregon	Scan	Washington
Osage	Schuyler	Wayne
Ozark	Scotland	Webster
Pemiscot	Shannon	Worth
Perry	Shelby	Wright
Petiis	St. Charles	
Phelps	St. Clair	

For your information, the Department’s approval of the proposed shortage areas in your State may benefit student grant and loan recipients who are qualified to teach in the academic disciplines, grade levels, and/or geographic regions in your State where the designated teacher shortages currently occur.

These benefits to student financial aid recipients, such as loan cancellations, are indicated in the following regulatory provisions:

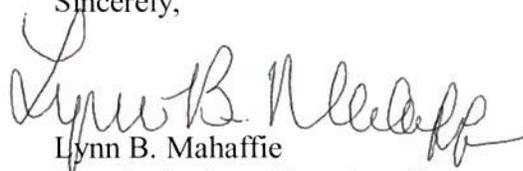
- 34 CFR 682.210(b)(5)(ii), (b)(7), (q), and (s) enable a borrower who had no outstanding Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan on July 1, 1987, but who had an outstanding FFEL Program loan on July 1, 1993, to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Stafford Loan Program anytime within the life of the borrower’s loan(s) for up to three years of service as a full-time teacher in a private elementary or secondary school in a teacher shortage area designated by the Department, and as certified by the chief administrative officer of the particular school in which the borrower is teaching;
- 34 CFR 674.53(c) enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full-time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, **or any other field of expertise where the State educational agency determined there is a shortage of qualified teachers** to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of the outstanding balance on the borrower’s Federal Perkins loans; and
- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (regarding the requirement to serve at least four academic years, within eight years of graduation) by teaching in a “high-need

field,” which includes academic disciplines/subject areas identified as teacher shortage areas at the time the grant recipient begins teaching in that field.

Please refer Stafford Loan and Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment, to the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID. Refer Federal Perkins Loan borrowers to the school where they received the loan.

If you have any questions regarding the Department’s designation of your State’s teacher shortage areas in specific academic disciplines, please contact Freddie Cross by telephone (202) 453-7224 or e-mail at freddie.cross@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn B. Mahaffie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "M".

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