

May 4, 2017

Dr. Monique Chism
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Chism:

On behalf of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department), I am writing in accordance with Section 8401(a)(1) to request a waiver of the December 31, 2018 deadline for reporting per pupil expenditures in Title I, Part A, Subpart 1, Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(x) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

This waiver request will grant Missouri a one-time, one-year extension for reporting on per pupil expenditures. Missouri currently uses the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBR), an end-of-year financial statement, to collect financial data from all local education agencies (LEAs). The ASBR includes total revenues received by local, county, state, federal and other sources. At this time, the ASBR includes total expenditures but does not break down the information by building or revenue source. The state education agency (SEA), in conjunction with the LEAs, is in the process of developing a reporting tool for current expenditures at the building level for all expenditure categories.

The Department proposes the following timeline to begin reporting on per pupil expenditures required by ESSA:

Timeline

January 2017	Notification to vendors of timeline to begin collection of building-level data
2017-2018 school year	Report development at SEA, in conjunction with LEAs, software vendors, and state level information technology (IT) programmers
July 1, 2018	LEAs begin building-level data coding

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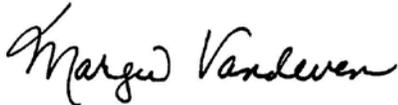
August 15, 2019	LEA data submission to SEA due by August 15, 2019
December 31, 2019	Report per pupil expenditures addressed in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(x)

The Department is providing all LEAs in the State with notice of the waiver request and a reasonable opportunity to comment. The Department is accepting comment through May 31, 2017. Any comments received in response to this request will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education.

Please contact Jennifer Jordan, Coordinator of Financial and Administrative Services, at (573) 751-0357 or by email at jennifer.jordan@dese.mo.gov if you have any questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Margie Vandeven
Commissioner of Education

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