

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** April 1, 2015  
**To:** School Administrators  
**From:** Stacey Preis, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Learning Services  
**Subject:** LS-15-002 - ESEA Waiver Renewal

Missouri's ESEA waiver renewal has been submitted to the U.S. Department of Education. This is the first step in the renewal process. Below is the full timeline, including a 30-day comment period.

1. The ESEA Flexibility Waiver and Executive Summary were posted to the Department's website immediately following submission to the U.S. Department of Education on Tuesday, March 31.  
<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/MO%202015%20ESEA%20Waiver%20Renewal%20Executive%20Summaries.pdf>;  
<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/MO%202015%20ESEA%20Waiver%20Renewal%20Redline.pdf>
2. The Department will receive feedback from school districts and other interested parties via email for 30 days ending April 30, 2015 at the following email:  
[webreplyNCLBwaiver@dese.mo.gov](mailto:webreplyNCLBwaiver@dese.mo.gov).
3. We anticipate that it will be 60 to 90 days before the waiver will be approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
4. The lists of priority and focus schools must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by January 31, 2016. The lists will be based on the 2013, 2014 and 2015 data. Districts/schools will be notified prior to submission of the list.

If you have questions regarding the waiver, please contact Jocelyn Strand ([jocelyn.strand@dese.mo.gov](mailto:jocelyn.strand@dese.mo.gov)) or TJ Spalty ([tj.spalty@dese.mo.gov](mailto:tj.spalty@dese.mo.gov)), Office of Quality Schools, (573) 751-4234.