

January 6, 2012

Mr. Michael Yudin
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Yudin:

I am writing on behalf of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MODESE) to request a waiver of the period of availability of FY 2011 funds for the 1003(g) School Improvement Grants (SIG) program. This waiver will allow the State to extend the period of availability of the FY2011 funds for the SEA and all of its LEA's until September 30, 2014 so that these funds may be used for continuation grants for the FY 2010 funds awarded through the competition conducted in the 2011-2012 school year. This requested waiver implements item six in the September 20, 2011 waiver approval letter received from you.

MODESE assures that it provided all LEAs in the State that are eligible to receive a SIG grant with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request and has attached a copy of that notice. To expedite its waiver request, MODESE will submit copies of any comments it receives from LEAs. MODESE also assures that it provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner in which the State customarily provides such notice and information to the public (*e.g.*, by publishing a notice in the newspaper; by posting information on its Web site) and has attached a copy of, or link to, that notice.

Please feel free to contact Craig Rector (573) 526-1594/craig.rector@dese.mo.gov or Jocelyn Strand (573) 751-1014/jocelyn.strand@dese.mo.gov if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris L. Nicastro
Commissioner of Education

Enclosure

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