**Application for** **Schoolwide Poverty Threshold Waiver**

**For School Year FY24**

**Title I, Part A Schoolwide Program Eligibility**

**Citation:** Under Section 1114(a)(1)(B) of the Every Student Suceeds Act, the State may waive the requirement that a school have at least 40 percent poverty to be eligible to run a Schoolwide program.

**Instructions:** A)Review the required components of a Title I Schoolwide Plan (Section A)

B) Respond to Local Education Agency Information (Section B)

C) Complete the Waiver Rationale (Section C)

D) Complete Certification (Section D)

E) Attach and email a PDF copy of the Poverty Threshold Waiver and the Schoolwide Plan to be implemented during the waiver year to the Title I, Part A Program Specialist by **May 31st**.

**Section A: Required Components of a Title I Schoolwide Plan**

1. Our schoolwide plan is available to the local educational agency (LEA), parents, and all public stakeholders. It is in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parent/guardian can understand.
2. We coordinate the Title I Schoolwide Program with other federal, state, and local resources, services, and programs.
3. Our schoolwide plan was developed during a one-year period; or the LEA, in consultation with the school (and approval from the state Title I, Part A Program office), determined that less time was needed to develop and implement a schoolwide plan.
4. We conducted a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school that takes into account the academic achievement of children, the challenging State academic standards, the needs of those children who are failing or are at-risk of failing to meet the challenging State academic standards, and any other factors as determined by the LEA.
5. We will implement evidence-based strategies that will (N/A for CoF) – (i) provide opportunities for all children, including each of the subgroups of students (as defined in the state’s ESSA plan) to meet the challenging State academic standards; (ii) use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the academic program in the school, increase the amount and quality of learning time, and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education; and (iii) address the needs of all children in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting the challenging State academic standards.
6. All teachers and paraprofessionals working in a program supported with Title I, Part A funds meet Federal and State certification or LEA Professional Qualifications.
7. The plan will remain in effect for the duration of the school’s participation under Title I, Part A. We will regularly monitor and revise the schoolwide plan (as necessary) to ensure that all students are provided opportunities to meet the challenging State academic standards.
8. If we serve a school with Title I, Part A funds below 35% poverty, then we will apply the 125% rule to the Per Pupil Allocation (PPA) for all Title I schools. (EdFlex waiver can be considered for the 125% rule.)

**Section B: LEA Information**

* **Name of** **District**
* **Name of School**
* **School Year the School is Requesting to Operate as a Schoolwide Schoo**l
* **FY23 Poverty Percentage**:       **FY24 Poverty Percentage:** \_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Check all boxes as applicable:**

The school is currently served as a Schoolwide Program (SWP).

The school is currently served as a Targeted Assistance Program (TAP).

The school has never been served as a Title I School.

The school is currently not being served as a Title I School, but has perviously been served as

a Title I School in the following capacity:  SWP  TAP

The school will be participating in the Consolidation of Funds (Fund 150) in FY24.

**Section C Part 1: Waiver Rationale**

Describe the need and rationale for this Schoolwide Poverty Threshold Waiver. Include why the need(s) cannot be met without a schoolwide program.

**Type your response here:**

**Section C Part 2: Schoolwide Plan**

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| Attach copy of Schoolwide Program (SWP) plan to be implemented during the waiver year. The submitted SWP plan must have been produced using a full year of planning that included opportunity for parents and community stakeholder input, unless a shorter period has been previously authorized by Title I, Part A of the GaDOE. |

**Section D: Certification**

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| **WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CERTIFY** that to the best of our knowledge and information we have complied with all components in our Title I Schoolwide Program and have developed our plan based on needs and strengths identified through a comprehensive analysis of current academic and non-academic data. We have built into our plan a process for evaluating whether the strategies implemented are resulting in improved academic achievement, and we will adhere to all assurances listed above.  **Signature** of School Principal: ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Signature** of Title I, Part A Director: ­­ ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Signature** of Superintendent: ­­ ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ­­ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**Section E: GaDOE Review and Approval (GaDOE use only)**

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| The GaDOE Title I, Part A Program team has reviewed the school’s application and Schoolwide Plan and approves the school to operate as a Schoolwide Program as defined in ESEA Section 1114 for the school year identified on this application.  Signature of Title I, Part A Program Specialist: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Signature of Title I, Part A Program Manager: ­­ ­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Attach this approved application to the Title I Tab in the Consolidated Application for the fiscal year the school will operate as a Schoolwide Program.** |