Title I, Part A
Committee of Practitioners

October 16, 2020
Agenda

• Call to Order and Introductions - Lynn Howard
• Welcome by Shaun Owen & John Wight
• Review role of COPs - JaBra Harden Fuller
• Review of November 2019 minutes - JaBra Harden Fuller
• Pooling of Equitable Services - Carly Ambler
• EL ACCESS Participation Rates Updates - Dr. Meg Baker and Dr. Ken Banter
• EdFlex Options for Title I - Dr. Ken Banter
• Next Steps - Lynn Howard
• Final Remarks and Closing - Lynn Howard
• Adjourn
Equitable Services

Carly Ambler
Consolidation of Funds and Equitable Services,
Senior Manager
Pooling Across the LEAs Pilot Program

[Diagram and QR code]
English Learners and Title I, Part A

Ken Banter, Title I, Part A
Senior Program Manager

Meg Baker, Title III, Part A
Program Manager
Annual ELP Assessment Participation Rates

NEW PORTAL APPLICATION COMING SOON!

A Title IA & Title IIIA Collaboration

Offering a holistic education to each and every child in our state.
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**Note:** Upon clicking the Participation Rates we can drill down to the student level file with basic demographics and ACCESS scores and Non-Participation reasons.
EdFlex Options for Title I

Ken Banter, Title I, Part A
Senior Program Manager
Ed-Flex Quick Overview

• Ed-Flex is authorized under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 and was reauthorized under ESSA in 2015

• All states that meet eligibility criteria may apply for Ed-Flex authority

• The SEA’s authority to grant waivers, if approved, is for a five-year period

• LEAs must apply to the SEA for waivers annually
Why is Ed-Flex a beneficial option?

• Ed-Flex is a tool to help states pursue innovative ways to improve achievement levels for all students

• States with Ed-Flex authority can help LEAs focus on ideas and solutions in a timely manner by having the Ed-Flex authority in place when they plan (i.e., within the CLIP)

• With Ed-Flex authority, a state doesn’t have to request individual waivers from ED, with the associated review and response delays
What is prohibited within Ed-Flex?

A state cannot grant any waiver that would undermine the underlying purposes of the statutory requirements of the program. Furthermore, Ed-Flex authority, once granted, does not authorize the SEA to waive any statutory or regulatory requirements relating to:

• ESEA Section 1111 (including standards, assessments, and accountability requirements)
• Maintenance of effort
• Comparability
• Equitable services
• Distribution of funds to LEAs
What is prohibited? (cont’d)

Ed-Flex authority, once granted, does not authorize the SEA to waive any statutory or regulatory requirements relating to:

- Serving eligible school attendance areas in rank order in accordance with ESEA Section 1113(a)(3)
- The selection of a school attendance area or school under subsections (a) and (b) of ESEA section 1113, (Except that an SEA may grant a waiver to allow a school attendance area or school to participate in Title I, Part A if the percentage of children from low-income families in the school attendance area is not more than 10 percentage points below the lowest percentage of such children for other Title I schools in the LEA)
What is prohibited? (cont’d)

Ed-Flex authority, once granted, does not authorize the SEA to waive any statutory or regulatory requirements relating to:

• The use of federal funds to supplement, not supplant, state and local funds
• Applicable parental involvement or civil rights requirements
• Any requirements that apply to the SEA
• Individuals with Disabilities Education Act requirements
Title I and Ed-Flex

Title I has one waiver that can be selected:
Waiver of Title I, Part A Limitation on Carryover – ESEA Section 1127(a) - (Unspent Title I, Part A FY21 funds)

LEAs are asking for samples of other possible Title I Ed-Flex waivers.

Brainstorm on other possible “allowable” waivers with Title I
2 CFR 200 Updates

Ken Banter, Title I, Part A
Senior Program Manager
2 CFR 200 Revisions

• Revisions
  • Increase “results-oriented” accountability
  • Strengthen National Security
  • Increase transparency

• Effective Date
  • November 12, 2020
  • Except for amendments to 200.216 and 200.340-
    Effective Date August 13, 2020

The following link summarizes all the OMB changes to 2 CFR 200

2 CFR 200.320 Procurement

Revisions

- Procurement types were grouped into three categories: (1) Informal (micro-purchase, small purchase); (2) formal (sealed bids, proposals) and (3) Non-Competitive (sole source)
- The micro-purchase threshold was raised from $3,500 to $10,000
- All non-Federal entities are now authorized to request a micro-purchase threshold higher than $10,000 based on certain conditions that include a requirement to maintain records for threshold up to $50,000 and a formal approval process by the Federal government for threshold above $50,000; and
- The simplified acquisition threshold was raised from $150,000 to $250,000
Questions
Title I, Part Committee of Practitioners

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Next Meeting: Friday, March 12, 2021