



State of Arizona
Department of Education

Tom Horne
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

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Dear Superintendent/Administrator:

RE: NCLB Update # 2

Please review the following key announcements

1. Census Files –

The updated Census information for **geographic districts** has been posted on the Academic Achievement/NCLB web page under Operations. To appeal the data please follow the instructions as included and submit by March 5th. Prior to submitting your appeal, please contact Richard Valdivia at (602) 542-3270 or at richard.valdivia@azed.gov.

2. Consolidated State Performance Report – **All LEAs must respond**

Part II of the Consolidated State Performance Report is due from LEAs on February 15. The report covers the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and can be accessed via the ADE common logon. If you have questions about the report or need help locating the report please contact Cindy Hirsch at (602) 542-7466 or at cindy.hirsch@azed.gov.

3. NCLB Applications - Allocations – Amendments

ALL NCLB Consolidated Applications based on the initial allocations announced in June should have been submitted and approved by January 15th. The ADE will contact those LEAs that have not submitted to **release Title I and Title II funds for reallocation**. Please direct questions about unsubmitted applications to Sherry Barclay.

Final FY09 Award Notices of Title I, Part A allocations will be issued shortly. This award amount will include adjustments based on the differences between the initial allocations and the final amounts as announced by ED, hold harmless adjustments as required by Section 1003, and disbursement of unused funds carried over from last year as authorized by Section 1126. Please note the amount listed as FY09 Final Allocation; use that amount for the following calculations: required set asides as listed on your Set Aside Worksheet (e.g., 1 % for parent involvement or 20% for Choice/SES) ; amounts for private school services; and the 15% carryover limit into FY2010.

NCLB Amendments of carryover from FY08 and additional funds must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the end date of your federal projects. Due to the Tydings provisions, you may amend to extend your FY09 NCLB projects for up to an additional 90 days in order to accommodate expenditures

for programs or activities beyond June 30, 2009. Updated spreadsheets that show how funds were added or amended are required. Keep in mind important criteria when amending your Title I grants:

- ◆ Adding or redistributing funds cannot change the rank order allocations to your schools,
- ◆ Adding or redistributing funds requires consultation with private school officials when equitable services are impacted, and
- ◆ Adding or redistributing funds may require re-calculation of set aside amounts, such as Choice/SES or LEA Improvement.

4. NCLB Monitoring and Consolidated Plan Updates

The basic ALEAT application is now open for all LEAs. Additional features will be added throughout the remainder of this year to further enhance its usability.

Invitations to ALEAT have been issued to all geographic LEAs and most charter schools. Superintendents or charter administrators should contact Christopher.Dickinson@azed.gov to request access for staff. Include your LEA name, and the person's title, email address, and phone number in your email. Invitation codes are unique and cannot be transferred to another person.

Deadlines – due to the technology challenges around the implementation of ALEAT, the deadlines to submit Cycle documents have been extended at least to **March 2nd**. There is a short training video accessible by choosing resources under the first Title I item of each cycle under the monitoring tab.

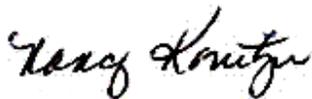
The directions for preparing and submitting your Consolidated Plan Update are being revised and will be available as a resource under each goal in the Plan tab soon. Deadline for submitting your Updates has been extended to **April 6th**.

5. Spring Coordinators Training – Save the Date

The NCLB Coordinators Spring Training will be held March 11th at Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. Registration will be available February 4th through the ADE Calendar of Events. The agenda will be posted with the registration; tentative topics scheduled are Title I Budgeting, Writing an Effective SW plan using the ASIP, Implementing New Title I Regulations in FY2010, Writing an NCLB Consolidated Plan Using the ALEAT Structure, and Funding Forecast for FY2010. We will share the latest available information on the soon-to-be available stimulus funds.

Please contact me if you have any questions at nancy.konitzer@azed.gov.

Sincerely,



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