



State of Arizona
Department of Education

Tom Horne
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

May 15, 2009

Dear Superintendent/Administrator:

RE: NCLB Update 09-04 By email

Please note the following important information concerning Title I:

Title I Status Report - OVERDUE

All LEAs that receive Title I funds must annually submit the status of your Title I schools using the Title I Status Report accessed through the Common Logon. If you have not completed this report, please enter the program status of **all** of your schools.

All other LEAs should complete this report by entering "not funded" for all of your schools.

SAIS Data – NCLB Indicator 1 and 2 - OVERDUE

All students are required to have eligibility information entered into SAIS using the NCLB Indicator 1 or 2 transactions. This information is required so that the ADE can accurately determine your school improvement status and has a impact on how Title I funds are allocated. Failure to provide the information as requested will result in a hold being placed on your NCLB funds.

Public School Choice

LEAs that currently have schools identified in need of improvement under NCLB are required to offer all parents of students from those schools the choice to transfer to another school within the district that is not identified for federal school improvement. Revised Title I regulations released in November of 2008 now require LEAs to notify parents of this option **at least 14 days prior to the start of school**.

In order to comply with this requirement, LEAs should notify parents by the end of this school year that they will continue to have the opportunity to transfer their students and list at least 1, preferably 2 or more, schools that are available to accept transfers. Information should include how the parent can apply for the transfer and the transportation options available, **even if the school is in frozen status and has the expectation that AYP determinations released in the Fall of 2009 will allow the school to exit improvement status.**

After AYP determinations are released the LEA must make the following adjustments:

1. Notify any parent who has applied for a transfer that the option is no longer available if the school exits improvement status
2. Immediately notify parents of students in schools newly identified in Year One of school improvement of their choice options
3. Ensure that parents of any newly enrolling students at any school identified for federal improvement are notified of their choice option at the **time of enrollment**

LEAs that do not have schools available for transfer may enter agreements with other school districts for transfer options or opt to offer supplemental educational services one year early, in the case of Year One schools. For further specific information on Public School Choice, contact Madeline Coccagna at Madeline.coccagna@azed.gov.

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

US Education Secretary Duncan announced on April 1, 2009, that he intends to consider waivers to allow LEAs in improvement to become approved as an SES provider. The ADE has not yet received directions from USED on this process but intends to submit this waiver. Directions for LEAs that are interested in being approved as providers will be distributed as soon as this option becomes available. Please note that if the LEA is an approved provider, it **may not exclude other approved providers** when notifying parents of their options. For further specific information on SES, contact Madeline Coccagna at Madeline.coccagna@azed.gov.

If you have questions, please email your NCLB specialist or call my assistant Dennis Lacaden at 602-542-7847 or email me directly at nancy.konitzer@azed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Title I and NCLB Coordinated Activities

Cc: NCLB Coordinators
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