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## MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS

Subject: Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Allocations and Forthcoming October 2017 Grant Award Notifications for the Title I, Part A (Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies) and Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction) Programs

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law (PL) 115-31) made \$4.6 billion of the total \$15.5 billion appropriated for Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA), available on July 1, 2017, with the remainder becoming available on October 1, 2017. PL 115-31 also made \$374 million of the total \$2.1 billion appropriated for Title II, Part A of the ESEA available on July 1, 2017, with the remainder becoming available on October 1, 2017.

The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (PL 115-56), however, includes a 0.6791 percent reduction in the amount of funds provided through PL 115-31 that is in effect during the duration of PL 115-56 (i.e., through December 8, 2017). Therefore, the reduction applies to the portion of Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A funds provided by PL 115-31 that become available on October 1, 2017. Consistent with PL 115-56, to determine the October 2017 award amounts, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) revised the Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allocations based on the 0.6791 percent reduction. The revised Title I, Part A allocations also incorporate corrections submitted by some States to their State per-pupil expenditure (SPPE) data since July 1, 2017.

The State educational agency (SEA) and local educational agency (LEA) allocation tables and related information for your State are presented in the attached revised final allocation documents. ED will base the October 1, 2017 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grant awards on the revised allocations.

With respect to Title I, Part A, the attachments replace those that ED provided in June 2017 in the release of final FY 2017 Title I, Part A allocations. The Title I, Part A attachments include:

- 1. Revised Final FY 2017 SEA and LEA allocations provided through Basic Grants, Concentration Grants, Targeted Grants, and Education Finance Incentive Grants, and that replace the final FY 2017 allocations that ED released in June 2017.
- 2. Revised Final FY 2017 Title I, Part A, Part C (Migrant Education), and Part D, Subpart 1 (State Agency Neglected and Delinquent program) Title I administrative base allocations that

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- each SEA must use to determine the maximum that it may reserve from these programs for State administration of Title I.
- 3. A State reservations table based on the revised final allocations that shows the amount of Title I, Part A funds that an SEA must reserve for school improvement and the maximum amount that the SEA may reserve for State administration and Direct Student Services.
- 4. A notification to Congress that provides more detail about the operation of the Title I, Part A formulas.

Concerning Title II, Part A, the attached table shows the revised final allocations, the maximum amount of State level reservations and the minimum amount that the ESEA requires an SEA to allocate to LEAs based on the revised final allocations. The table also shows each SEA's July 2017 award amount, its October 2017 award amount, and an amount called "Temporary Unawarded Amount." An SEA's October 2017 award amount equals its revised final allocation minus the sum of its July 2017 award amount and the Temporary Unawarded Amount. The reason for the Temporary Unawarded Amount is that the 0.6791 percent reduction also retroactively reduces the Title II, Part A set-asides that became available in July for the Bureau of Indian Education, Outlying Areas, and evaluation because the amount of these set-asides is based on a percentage of the entire Title II, Part A appropriation. The total of the Temporary Unawarded Amount column (\$170,710) represents the total set-aside retroactive reduction amount. If the 0.6791 percent reduction is not changed in the final FY 2018 appropriation, ED will award the amounts listed in the Temporary Unawarded Amounts column to each SEA.

For both Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A, each SEA must recalculate FY 2017 LEA allocations based on these revised final allocations. The SEA may then either adjust the current LEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allocations for school year (SY) 2017–2018 or wait to make adjustments until there is a final FY 2018 appropriation, which could result in additional changes to FY 2017 allocations (for example, if the 0.6791 reduction were removed or modified). If an SEA chooses to wait, ED encourages the SEA to ensure that its LEA do not obligate more than their revised Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A allocations in case the 0.6791 reduction becomes permanent. Otherwise, the LEA would have to pay for any obligation that exceeds its revised allocation from non-Federal funds.

FY 2017 Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A funds remain available for obligation and expenditure through September 30, 2018. Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act further provides that funds not obligated by the end of the funding period shown in Block 6 of the grant award document remain available for obligation and expenditure at the State and local levels for an additional 12 months — in this case, until September 30, 2019. ESEA section 1127 places a 15 percent limitation on the amount of Title I, Part A funds an LEA may carry over from one year to the next.

Thank you for your leadership in implementing Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A in your State. Please send questions about the allocations to Todd Stephenson

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(Todd.Stephenson@ed.gov), Elizabeth Witt (Elizabeth.Witt@ed.gov), and your State contact (OSS.[State]@ed.gov (e.g., OSS.Utah@ed.gov)) in the Office of State Support.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Attachments

cc. State Title I and Title II Directors