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Notice of Intent to Submit School Improvement Grant Waiver Request

The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) is requesting from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) a waiver from certain provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the General Education Provisions Act. The waiver is being sought to assist with the successful implementation of the School Improvement Grants Section 1003(g).

The Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) is soliciting comments– both supporting and non-supporting – on the waiver. All comments submitted during the comment period will be read and taken into consideration. Providing comments to the KSDE does not guarantee all comments will be implemented. The Kansas State Department of Education will include all written comments received in its waiver request to ED.

This notice meets the notification requirements under Section 9401(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. **Districts are invited to submit written comments to the KSDE no later than 5:00 PM (CDT) on July 5, 2012.** Written comments should be submitted to Judi Miller via fax at 785-296-5867 or via email judim@ksde.org.

The KSDE is requesting the following waiver on behalf of the State (SEA) and appropriate districts (LEAs):

- Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of school improvement funds for the State and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2015.

Following is the full text of the waiver request.

The State of Kansas requests a waiver of the requirement it has listed below. This waiver would allow any local educational agency (LEA) in the State that receives a School Improvement Grant to use those funds in accordance with the final requirements for School Improvement Grants and the LEA's application for a grant.

The State believes that the requested waiver will increase the quality of instruction for students and improve the academic achievement of students in Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools by enabling an LEA to use more effectively the school improvement funds to implement one of the four school intervention models in its Tier I or Tier II schools and to carry out school improvement activities in its Tier III schools. The four school intervention models are specifically designed to raise substantially the achievement of students in the State's Tier I and Tier II schools.

- ❑ *Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FY2010 school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2015.*

The State assures that it will ensure that any LEA that chooses to implement the waiver will comply with section II.A.8 of the final requirements.

The State assures that it will permit an LEA to implement the waiver only if the LEA receives a School Improvement Grant. As such, the LEA may only implement the waiver in Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools, as applicable, included in its application.

The State assures that, prior to submitting this request in its School Improvement Grant application, the State provided all LEAs in the State that are eligible to receive a School Improvement Grant with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request and has attached a copy of that notice as well as copies of any comments it received from LEAs. The State also assures that it provided notice and information regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner in which the State customarily provides such notice and information to the public (e.g., by publishing a notice in the newspaper; by posting information on its Web site) and has attached a copy of, or link to, that notice.