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Notice of Intent to Submit School Improvement Grant Waiver Request Public Comment Period

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 (ESEA). 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. <u>Written comments must be submitted to the KSDE no later than 5:00 PM (CST)</u> <u>on February 1, 2013</u>. 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):

• Waiver Section I.A.1 of the School Improvement Grant final requirements regarding school eligibility requirements. This waiver enables Kansas to replace its lists of Tier I, Tier II and Tier III schools with its Priority schools as identified under the ESEA Flexibility Waiver as approved by the ED.