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Notice to public and school districts of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI's) intent to apply to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for a waiver, pursuant to the section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).

Period of availability of funds in section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA): to extend the period of availability of FY 2020 funds for programs in which the SEA participates under its approved consolidated State plan until September 30, 2023. The programs are:

- Title I, Part A of the ESEA (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs), including the
 portions of the SEA's Title I, Part A award used to carry out section 1003 school
 improvement, section 1003A direct student services, if applicable, and Title I, Part D,
 Subpart 2
- Title I, Part C of the ESEA (Education of Migratory Children)

OSPI is required to notify the public and all LEAs/school districts of Washington state's intent to request this waiver. Districts and the public are asked to provide comment on the waiver request to OSPI. Comments from districts will be included in OSPI's request to the ED.

The public comment period opens May 8 and will close at 5 pm on May 12. You may submit your comments through our <u>public comment survey</u>.

In seeking this waiver, the state assures that:

- The SEA will use, and ensure that its subgrantees use, funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers.
- The SEA will work to mitigate, and ensure that its subgrantees work to mitigate, any
 negative effects that may occur as a result of the requested waiver.
- The SEA will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice of, and the
 opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver
 request and the process for commenting on the State website in the manner in which
 the SEA customarily provides such notice and opportunity to comment and has enclosed
 with this waiver request any comments received and a description of how the SEA
 addressed such comments.

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This notice can be found on the <u>Public Notices & Waiver Requests to the U.S. Department of Education website.</u>