Waiver of Period of Availability of 2012 SIA Funds

Waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FFY 2012 school improvement funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2015.

School Improvement Fund, Part A (SIA), authorized under section 1003(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), directly support New Jersey’s Priority schools for interventions which will improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps and improve the quality of instruction, as outlined under New Jersey’s ESEA flexibility waiver. Specifically, New Jersey provides entitlement grants directly to Priority schools as well as high-impact support directly to Priority schools through the Regional Achievement Centers (RACs.)

The state believes that the requested waiver will help the lowest achieving Title I schools meet the goals in their School Improvement Plan based upon issues identified in each school’s needs assessment and achieve growth in their student outcomes.