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TO: Chief School Administrators
    Charter School Lead Persons
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    State Agency Office of Education Directors

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SUBJECT: FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB Consolidated Subgrant Application

On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), I am pleased to announce that the FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB Consolidated Subgrant Application will be available for LEA/Agency completion on or about Monday, June 8, 2015. The due date for submission of the FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB Application is Monday, July 13, 2015.

The FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB Consolidated Subgrant Application is being released on the Electronic Web Enabled Grant (EWEG) system, and contains changes from last year, to include the following items:

- Title I Schoolwide Plans and the School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for served Priority and/or Focus schools will no longer be uploaded as attachments to the application. Instead they will be submitted through a separate process. LEAs will be required to certify in the application that these plans have been completed and submitted;

- Certified copies of board resolutions or extracts of board minutes are no longer required to be submitted. The LEA/Agency will certify in the assurances that the appropriate board resolutions and board minutes will be kept on file and available upon request; and

- The Community Eligibility Program (CEP) requirements have been included in the Title I Eligibility section and may be accessed at http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/grants.

LEAs serving Title I Priority schools only, Title I Focus schools only, or Title I Priority and Focus schools still are required to reserve a up to 30% of the total Title I grant award to supplement the school-level Title I allocation for Priority/Focus School Intervention services as included in the approved School Improvement Plans (SIPs).

LEAs continue to be required to certify that all nonpublic school children who reside in served attendance areas are counted and poverty data for these children have been obtained. LEAs must reach out to nonpublic schools in their serviced attendance area and beyond. In addition, LEAs must continue to establish consortium information directly through the EWEG system.
Since the FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB project period runs from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, summer programs and services will begin at the start of the ESEA-NCLB project period.

Access to the EWEG system continues to be accomplished through the New Jersey Homeroom Page at: http://homeroom.state.nj.us/. In order to receive FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB funding, completed applications must be submitted electronically through EWEG no later than Monday, July 13, 2015 as follows:

- The FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB application is submitted online through EWEG;
- If applicable, Title I, Part D Subpart 2 Plans are uploaded as attachments to the application;
- Copies of the signed Nonpublic School Participation Refusal forms must be uploaded under the consolidated section of the ESEA-NCLB application; and
- The LEA must maintain a copy of the Affirmation of Consultation with Nonpublic School Officials forms and the Title I Nonpublic Assurances forms in its records and provide a copy to the NJDOE upon request.

In early June, the NJDOE anticipates posting a series of webinars on the application submission process. Technical assistance work sessions will be held during June to afford LEAs/agencies the opportunity to work directly with NJDOE staff on the completion of their respective applications. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the FY 2016 ESEA-NCLB Application, please contact the Office of Grants Management at (609) 633-6974.