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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads

Route To: Title I Directors

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Academics & Performance

Deadline: Friday, February 1, 2019

Reallocated Title I, Part A Funding Now Available

This memo is issued to alert eligible districts and schools of the availability of \$13.5 million in reallocated Title I, Part A carryover funds.

Background: The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) last month informed districts of a plan to reallocate \$11 million of Title I, Part A, carryover funds and conduct a competitive grant process for eligible Title I funded school districts. The planned focus of these grants was in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning (dedicated \$5 million); Early Learning Transitional Programs (dedicated \$4 million); and STEM Curriculum (dedicated \$2 million).

Reason for the Update: The U.S. Department of Education provided guidance informing the NJDOE that Title I, Part A, carryover funds should not be utilized for competitive grants. However, the NJDOE does have the authority to reallocate Title I, Part A carryover funds in accordance to the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, Section 1126(c).

The Modified Plan: The NJDOE will reallocate \$13.5 million in Title I, Part A carryover funds to 640 approved Title I schoolwide schools. This reallocation will include eligible charter schools as well as eligible nonpublic schools. The NJDOE will offer non-competitive grants using Title I, Part A, carryover in the following areas:

- Social and Emotional Learning;
- Early Learning Transitional Programs;
- STEM Curriculum; and
- Title I Arts Integration.

Districts may now submit project plans and budget narratives through the NJDOE's Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (<u>EWEG</u>) system. The submission is due through the EWEG system *by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019.*

Contact Information

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