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Deborah S. Delisle  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Delisle:

On behalf of Kentucky, I am writing to request a waiver of the requirement in Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of FY 2011 School Improvement Grant funds for the SEA and all of its LEAs to September 30, 2014. Kentucky received and reviewed all submitted applications from eligible LEAs in cohort two. The State fully funded all approvable applications in cohort two using FY 2011 allocations. The State believes that the requested waiver and extension of time will increase its ability to implement the SIG program effectively in eligible schools in the State in order to improve the quality of instruction and improve the academic achievement of students in Tier I and Tier II schools.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, the Kentucky Department of Education provided all LEAs in the State with notice of the waiver request and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. Kentucky provided such notice by posting the notice on the KDE website for the public and sending a notice to each LEA via e-mail (copies attached). We also provided notice to the State Committee of Practitioners via e-mail (attached). The Kentucky Department of Education is accepting comment on this request through November 14, 2013. Any comments received in response to this request will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Education.

Please feel free to contact Donna Tackett by phone at 502-564-3791 or e-mail her at [donna.tackett@education.ky.gov](mailto:donna.tackett@education.ky.gov) if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Holliday".

Terry Holliday  
Commissioner Kentucky Department of Education

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