Title IA Reallocation Procedures to
Local Educational Agencies in Maine

Purpose

According to Section 1126(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended, the state educational agency (SEA) must develop procedures to identify local education agencies (LEAs) with excess Title IA funds and to reallocate excess funds to other eligible LEAs.

Reallocated Funds

The identification of excess funds is as follows:

- Unused Program Improvement funds;
- Carryover funds exceeding the allowable percentage of 15%,
- Funds allocated to any LEA that elected not to participate in the Title IA program,
- Funds from an LEA that had its allocation reduced because it failed to meet the maintenance of effort requirements, or
- Funds in excess for other reasons (i.e. LEA voluntary release of funds, recovered funds an LEA has failed to use in accordance with the law)

The SEA will reallocate excess Title IA funds to LEAs with the greatest need for such funds for the purpose of addressing inequities inherent in, or mitigating hardships caused by, the application of the allocation provisions. LEAs meeting the following criteria due to factors like population shifts and changing economic circumstances will be considered those in greatest need:

- LEAs having the highest increase in the percentage of children from poor families from the previous year, and
- LEAs with less than the maximum allowed carryover funds from the previous school year.
- LEAs having a free and reduced lunch poverty percentage of greater than 30%

The point system is as follows:

- ✓ Increase in poverty percentage: An increase of >0-2% receives 1 point; a >2-5% increase receives 3 points and greater than a 5% increase receives 5 points.
- ✓ Carryover percentages: >15% carryover receives 0 point; >10-15% carryover receives 1 point; >5-10% carryover receives 2 points; >0%-5% carryover receives 4 points; and 0% carryover receives 5 points.
- ✓ Poverty level: A poverty level of less than 30% receives 0 point; 30-40% receives 2 points; >40-50% receives 3 points; >50-60% receives 4 points; and greater than 60% receives 5 points.

Application Procedure

The SEA notifies LEAs in winter of the possibility of reallocated funds. An LEA must submit an application (EFU428) including the increased number of poor children and its proposed use of funds. Allowable uses of these funds include staff development opportunities for Title I staff and teachers of Title I students, parent involvement activities, extended Title I school year/summer programs, or other Title I instructional services in the greatest area of need as allowed under Title IA statutes. Applications are due at the Maine Department of Education Title IA Office by Spring.

By mid-April, the SEA will determine the amount of funds available and will have established a rank ordered list of LEAs. Districts will be notified that reallocation funds are being reserved for use in their identified project in rank order. The SEA will continue to fund the eligible districts from the rank ordered list to the extent possible.

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