

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**  
**Waiver Request from U.S. Department of Education for**  
**Title III, Part A Annual Measurable Achievement Objective # 1**

**December 19, 2013**

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is required by Title III, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to calculate three Annual Measurable Objectives (AMAOs) for Limited English Proficiency (LEP), also known as English learners (ELs). The three AMAOs include AMAO 1, which measures the percentage of ELs making “progress” on the State English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA); AMAO 2, which measures the progress of ELs in attaining English proficiency on ELPA; and AMAO 3, which measures whether districts have achieved Accountability Scorecard targets for the LEP/EL subgroup on the statewide assessments in both subject areas of mathematics and reading.

Due to the transition from ELPA to the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA), the MDE is requesting the U.S. Department of Education to grant us a waiver of the requirement to calculate AMAO 1 for school year 2013-2014. Specifically, the MDE is seeking approval for this waiver to allow Local Education Agencies (LEAs) within Michigan to be exempt from accountability for AMAO 1 determination during the transition year to the new WIDA ACCESS for ELs assessment.

Michigan believes that the requested waiver will increase the quality of instruction for students and improve the academic achievement of students by transitioning to WIDA. WIDA ACCESS for ELs is aligned to Michigan’s reading and mathematics content standards as it relates to academic language proficiency.

This waiver request may be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/ofs](http://www.michigan.gov/ofs) .

LEAs wishing to comment on the request should submit comments to [TitleICarryoverWaiver@michigan.gov](mailto:TitleICarryoverWaiver@michigan.gov) **by January 13, 2014.**

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