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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Administrators

From: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

Subject: Detroit Public Schools Request for Waiver

Title I, Part A of the No Child left Behind Act requires that Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) obligate 85% of the Title I, Part A funds annually. LEAs may be granted a waiver from this limitation on unobligated Title I, Part A funds by the State only once every three years. More frequent waivers for this purpose may only be granted by the United States Department of Education (USED).

On May 13, 2009, the Michigan Department of Education submitted to the USED (Zollie Stevenson, Jr., Director, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education) a request to allow the Detroit Public schools to exceed the 15% carry over limitation on unobligated Title I, Part A funds more than once every three years. This request is specific to fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. The referenced waiver request notice can be viewed by clicking on this link:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/USED\\_Detroit\\_Carryover\\_Waiver\\_Memo\\_280311\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/USED_Detroit_Carryover_Waiver_Memo_280311_7.pdf)

LEAs wishing to comment on the request should submit comments to Michael Radke at [radkem@michigan.gov](mailto:radkem@michigan.gov) by June 8, 2009.

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