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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Requesting public comment for special waiver of the 15% carryover for Pontiac City School District

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE), on behalf of Pontiac City School District, is requesting permission from the United State Department of Education (USED) to waive the limitation for the MDE to grant a Title I, Part A 15% carryover waiver to Pontiac City School District more than once every three (3) years.

The Pontiac City School District has had a structural deficit for a number of years which contributed to the Governor declaring it in a state of Financial Emergency on June 30, 2013. Subsequently, Pontiac entered into a consent agreement with a revised educational plan and an outside consultant was appointed to review its finances and oversee spending. Pontiac also entered into a Compliance agreement with the MDE to ensure that the district expends its federal funds in compliance with all applicable requirements. As a result, Pontiac experienced significant cash flow difficulties and delays in spending Title I, Part A funds during the 2013-14 school years.

The MDE, on behalf of the Pontiac City School District, is requesting this waiver to ensure that the students of the district receive the full benefit of the supplemental programs and services needed to accelerate their achievement consistent with the intent and purpose of Title I, Part A. The waiver request letter can be found at www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Pontiac_City_School_District_475336_7.pdf.

The MDE is opening this waiver request to USED on behalf of Pontiac City School District for public comment. If you would like to comment on this request, please Email your comments to TitleICarryoverWaiver@michigan.gov. This mailbox will be available for (10) business days. All comments will be given consideration by the MDE and attached to the request sent to the USED.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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