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## DRAFT FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ian Rosenblum  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs,  
Delegated the authority to perform the functions and  
duties of the Assistant Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

I am writing to request a waiver, pursuant to section 8401 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), of the following requirements as a result of ongoing challenges related to the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

State: Michigan

Period of availability of funds in section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA): to extend the period of availability of FY 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds in which the SEA participates under its approved consolidated state plan until September 30, 2022.

- Michigan would like a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Provisions Act (Tydings waiver) with respect to fiscal year 2016 SIG funds (CFDA 84.377A, Award Number S377A160023);
- The requested new end date for the period of availability is September 30, 2022; and
- The information required in [section 8401\(b\) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#) (ESEA) for an SEA to request a waiver.

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I am requesting this/these waiver(s) because it is not possible to obligate funds on a timely and responsible basis.

*Consistent with the requirements of ESEA section 8401(b)(1)(C) and (F), describe how the waiving of such requirements will advance student academic achievement and how schools will continue to provide assistance to the same populations served by programs for which waivers are requested.*

Consistent with the requirements of ESEA section 8401(b)(1)(C) and (F), the waivers will provide eligible LEAs/ISDs extended opportunity to utilize available carryover funds to provide programs and services with intentionality and fidelity that are consistent with the SIG final requirements, as well as to allow the SEA the opportunity to provide the necessary technical assistance and support to those eligible LEAs regarding program evaluation and monitoring of such services.

In seeking these waivers, I assure that (*please check all assurances*):

- ✓ The SEA will use, and ensure that its subgrantees use, funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers.
- ✓ The SEA will work to mitigate and ensure that its subgrantees work to mitigate any negative effects that may occur as a result of the requested waivers.
- ✓ The SEA has provided the public and all LEAs in the state with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver request and the process for commenting on the state website in the manner in which the SEA customarily provides such notice and opportunity to comment and has enclosed with this waiver request any comments received and a description of how the SEA addressed such comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Rice, Ph.D.  
State Superintendent