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TO: NexSys Authorized Officials and Consolidated Application Main Contacts

FROM: Dr. Corinne E. Edwards, Director
Office of Educational Supports

SUBJECT: 2025-26 Final Allocations; Consolidated Application Final Amendment; Important Submission Deadlines; MICIP; OES Calendar; Equitable Services for Private Schools; and MILogin Information

The Office of Educational Supports (OES) announces the release of the final allocations for the 2026 Consolidated Application, along with other important information needed to help all local education agencies (LEAs), including public school academies (PSAs), meet the diverse needs of Michigan students.

Allocations

Final allocations for 2025-26 are loaded in the Consolidated Application in NexSys and are posted on the OES Website under Tools & Resources, Program Allocations, for the following programs:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs and Programs in Facilities for Neglected Children and Youth
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children (Regular School Year)
- Title I, Part D – Delinquent Institutions
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for Immigrant Students
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title V, Part B – Rural and Low-Income School Program

2025-26 Consolidated Application

The Consolidated Application is available in NexSys. If necessary, a final amendment to the Consolidated Application is due no later than February 27, 2026; LEAs will be required to budget 100% of available funds for each applicable grant program.

For LEAs completing a final amendment to the Consolidated Application, level 5 authorized users must initiate an amendment and click the save button on the

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Review Grants Selections page in NexSys for the system to pull in final grant program allocations and carryover funds, if applicable.

Additional guidance is available in the 2025-26 Consolidated Application NexSys Help Document.

For additional tools to support the final amendment to the Consolidated Application, LEAs may visit the 2025 Spring Planning Workshops webpage.

Important Submission Deadlines

Application/ Form	Submission Location	Submission Deadline
FY'26 Consolidated Application	NexSys	• Final application due on 02/27/2026
Request to Relinquish Funds Form	Submit to Email provided on form	• 02/27/2026
FY'26 Equitable Services for Private Schools Upload	NexSys	• 02/27/2026

Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP)

LEAs should carefully review the latest updates for the planning, implementation, and evaluation of your plan to meet Section 1112 requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA Sec. 1112) (pg. 52).

Title I Targeted and Schoolwide Program Requirements Template

A template document is available on the Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Planning website to support LEAs in meeting all federal requirements for Targeted and Schoolwide programs.

For the 2025-26 Consolidated Application, a copy of the template must be uploaded to the Title I, Part A attachments screen by February 27, 2026. **LEAs may retain all support documents locally for review during an on-site monitoring visit**.

Program Descriptions

State and federal program descriptions are available on the OES Website.

Equitable Service for Private Non-Public Schools

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires LEAs and other eligible entities to provide for the equitable participation of private school students, teachers, other educational personnel, and families, if applicable. For additional information on federal requirements, The U.S. Department of Education published *ESEA Title I, Part A Equitable Services Updated Non-Regulatory Guidance* in May 2023, and *ESEA Title VIII Equitable Services Non-Regulatory Guidance* in July 2023.

LEAs that are required to invite private schools to participate in equitable services must upload sample letters, and if private schools receive services, the Documentation of Private School Consultation must be uploaded for each participating private school. Additional resources are available on the Technical Assistance for Working with Private Schools page.

During the final amendment window, LEAs are required to upload the following documentation to the 2025-26 Consolidated Application in NexSys as an attachment under the Program Information section to demonstrate compliance with federal equitable services requirements:

- On the new Private School Participation Letters page: Upload one (1) "IN DISTRICT" and one (1) "OUT OF DISTRICT" invitation to participate letter on district letterhead. If the LEA does not have private schools within district boundaries, then only the "OUT OF DISTRICT" letter should be uploaded, if applicable.
- On the new Private School Consultation Documents page: Upload all Equitable services consultation forms with **handwritten signatures and date** from the LEA **and** each authorized official from the participating private school.
- Note: For the new upload pages in NexSys, LEAs are required to enter the name of the private school in the Title box for each uploaded document.

Participating Private Schools' Equitable Services Calculation Worksheet (if applicable)

In the 2025-26 Consolidated Application, there are screens in NexSys to support LEAs with determining the Equitable Services proportional share for participating non-public private schools, including the following federal grant programs:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part C – Education of Migratory Children (Regular School Year)
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction
- Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learners
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment

For consortium members: The Equitable Services Estimation Worksheet for LEAs participating in a Title III Consortium is found on the 2025 Regional Spring Planning Workshop website.

Equitable Services Third-Party Contract Compliance

As part of ongoing federal program oversight, MDE has identified recurring unallowable provisions in third-party vendor contracts used to deliver equitable services under ESEA programs. These findings include, but are not limited to:

- contract language permitting automatic or presumptive renewal without annual consultation and approval,
- provisions allowing late fees, interest, or penalties,
- clauses assigning procurement authority, financial responsibility, or contractual obligations to private schools,
- authorization for private schools to enter into separate or side agreements with vendors,
- and service delivery models that permit paraprofessionals to provide instruction without ongoing, direct supervision by a certified teacher.

These provisions in the third-party vendor contract are not allowable under *ESEA Title I, Part A Equitable Services Updated Non-Regulatory Guidance* and *ESEA Title VIII Equitable Services Non-Regulatory Guidance* and must be removed or corrected prior to consolidated application approval for the applicable budget items. A comprehensive guidance document outlining these requirements and additional resources for LEAs will be provided as part of the 2026 Spring Workshops resources.

For technical assistance and support related to Equitable Services for Private Non-Public Schools, please contact Dr. Chanel F. DeGuzman at DeGuzmanC@Michigan.gov.

Amendments

During this final amendment period, all LEAs are expected to make fiscal adjustments for final allocations, make program adjustments, and apply for all available carryover within all applicable funding sources.

For additional information related to completing the 2025-26 Consolidated Application, please refer to the addendums of this memo. If you have other program questions, please contact your Regional Field Services Consultant at 517-241-6970.

ADDENDUM 1

Title I, Part A – Neglected and Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 – Delinquent Application and Formal Agreement

Title I, Part A – Neglected and Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 – Delinquent Application and Formal Agreement is available on the OES Website under Workshops & Training, 2026 Regional Spring Planning Workshops; and under Programs, Title I, Part D – Neglected & Delinquent.

Questions regarding Title I, Part A Neglected and Title I, D, Subpart 2 Delinquent should be directed to Dawn Carmody CarmodyD1@Michigan.gov or 517-243-0018.

Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside Guidance

Section 1113(c)(3) of the ESEA (pg.65) requires all LEAs to reserve funds to ensure comparable services for children and youth experiencing homelessness and, as determined by a needs assessment, reserve funds to provide children and youth experiencing homelessness with services not ordinarily provided to other students, including (but not limited to), funding for a Homeless Education Liaison who has the capacity to carry out the required duties, and funding for transportation related to the school of origin. OES provides guidance for the Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside that includes a worksheet that supports LEAs to establish local processes for determining needs and considering possible funding sources.

LEAs **must** select one of the following methods of demonstrating sufficiency and reserve the corresponding amount:

> **Option A**: LEAs whose annual Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside is greater than $100 per student experiencing homelessness will continue their current processes and Set Aside amounts. LEAs must continue to reserve at least $100 per student experiencing homelessness.
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> **Option B**: LEAs whose annual Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside is less than $100 per student experiencing homelessness will increase to a Set Aside amount of at least $100 per student experiencing homelessness.
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> **Option C**: LEAs who braid funding to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness will demonstrate sufficiency, in the amount of at least $100 per student experiencing homelessness, by completing the Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside Worksheet provided by OES and attaching it to the Consolidated Application. The worksheet must include an explanation of the needs and the resources utilized to meet those needs.
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> **Option D**: LEAs who receive a Title I, Part A allocation of less than $10,000 will demonstrate sufficiency by completing the Title I, Part A Homeless Set Aside Worksheet provided by OES and attaching it to the Consolidated Application. The worksheet must include an explanation of the needs and the resources utilized to meet those needs.

For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE's) Homeless Education Team:

- Email: McKinney-Vento@Michigan.gov
- Phone: 517-241-6977
- Website: www.michigan.gov/homeless

Request to Relinquish Funds

If your LEA chooses **not** to apply for one or more of these 2025-26 federal programs, please complete the Request to Relinquish Funds Form posted on the OES website under "Current Topics" and submit per the instructions at the top of the form by February 27, 2026 to allow these funds to be reallocated to other eligible LEAs.

To ensure the funds are available for other agencies, an LEA's authorized official shall check both the box for the current year and carryover relinquishment. If the LEA's authorized official does not indicate relinquishment in the carryover year, the funds will be made available to the LEA in the following school year as carryover, per federal requirements.

Title I, Part A Supplement Not Supplant

ESEA section 1118(b)(1) (pg. 84) requires that an LEA use the Title I, Part A funds that it receives from its SEA only to supplement the funds that would, in the absence of Title I, Part A funds, be made available from State and local sources for the education of students participating in a Title I program.

ESEA Sec. 1118(b)(2) (pg. 84) requires LEAs to develop a Title I Neutral methodology to distribute State and local funds to schools. A Title I Neutral Methodology for each district must be kept on file for review upon request by MDE.

The following LEAs are exempt from providing a Title I Neutral Methodology:

- Single building districts
- Districts with all Title I buildings

For more information, please review the supplement not supplant federal guidance.

2024-25 Title I, Part A Carryover Waiver Requests

If your LEA's 2024-25 Title I, Part A allocation was greater than $50,000, and the amount of unspent funds exceeded the 15% carryover limitation, your LEA may be eligible to request a waiver to explain why the district was unable to spend at least 85% of its allocation.

If your LEA was granted a Title I, Part A 15% Carryover Waiver for the 2022-23 and/or 2023-24 funds, then your organization is **not eligible to request a waiver** for fiscal year 2024-25 funds. Thus, LEAs may only request a waiver once every three years [P.L. 114-95, Section 1127(b)].

To review the list of LEAs that are not eligible to request a waiver for fiscal year 2024-25 Title I, Part A funds, please visit the MDE-OES State and Federal Programs webpage and review the list under current topics.

Eligible LEAs must complete the online waiver request form.

Questions regarding the 2024-25 online Title I, Part A 15% Carryover Waiver request form may be directed to Michael Powell, Assistant Director in the Office of Educational Supports, at PowellM12@Michigan.gov.

Other Important Contacts

Questions regarding allocations for Title I, Part A; Title I, Part D; Title II, Part A; Title IV, Part A; and Title V, Part B; should be directed to Johnson Samuel at SamuelJ2@Michigan.gov or 517-241-5388.

Questions regarding allocations for Title I, Part C; Title III, Part A Language Instruction for English Learners, and Title III, Part A Language Instruction for Immigrant Students should be directed to Tammy Franks FranksT1@Michigan.gov or 517-599-1837.

ADDENDUM 2

NexSys

The Consolidated Application is available in NexSys. In addition to the information below, please visit the MDE NexSys Website for more resources and technical assistance guides.

MILogin for Business Account

All users are required to create a MILogin for Business Account to access NexSys.

What is MILogin?

MILogin for Business is the state of Michigan Identity Management solution that allows users to access numerous state services and systems online, across multiple departments, using a single user ID and password. This means that not only can users access MDE systems, but they may also have access to other State of Michigan systems using one login and password. All systems to which users have access through MILogin will show up as links in one place. To access MILogin for Business, follow the step-by-step instructions attached to this memo.

For additional assistance with MILogin for Business, please call 877-932-6424.

Questions and concerns about **applications** in NexSys can also be directed to: MDE-NexSys-Applications@Michigan.gov.

Questions about the **accounting** system in NexSys should be referred to: MDE-NexSys-Accounting@Michigan.gov.

To review additional information on the NexSys website, users may visit: Michigan.gov/MDE-NexSys.