



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Elizabeth Burmaster
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Post Office Box 7841
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Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Dear Superintendent Burmaster:

This is to inform you that we have received Wisconsin's Eligibility Documents, including assurances and certifications, for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), submitted by Wisconsin to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on May 5, 2005, and amended on May 6, 2005 (Assurances) and June 23, 2005 (Use of Funds). Based on these documents your grant awards are enclosed.

Please note that as part of your Eligibility Documents for FFY 2005, your State has made an assurance, under 34 CFR §80.11(c), that it will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding. Any changes made by the State, after OSEP approval, to information that is a part of a State's eligibility documentation, must meet the public participation requirements of IDEA.

Enclosed are grant awards for funds currently available under the Department of Education FFY 2005 Appropriations Act for the Part B Section 611 (Grants to States) and Section 619 (Preschool Grants) programs. These funds are for use primarily in school year 2005-2006 and are available for obligation by States from July 1, 2005 through September 30, 2007.

The amount in your award for Section 619 represents the full amount of funds to which you are entitled. However, the amount shown in your award for the Section 611 program is only part of the total funds that will be awarded to you for FFY 2005. Of the \$10,589,745,824 appropriated for Section 611 in FFY 2005, \$5,176,745,824 is available for awards on July 1, 2005, and \$5,413,000,000 will be available on October 1, 2005.

Under the Section 611 formula, subject to certain maximum and minimum funding requirements, State allocations are based on the amount that each State received from FFY 1999 funds, the general population in the age range for which each State ensures a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all children with disabilities, and the number of children living in poverty in the age range for which each State ensures FAPE to all children with disabilities. Section 619 funds are allocated to States subject to certain maximum and minimum funding requirements, based on the amount that each State received from FFY 1997 funds, the general population of children age 3 to 5, and the number of children living in poverty in the age range 3 to 5.

Enclosure B provides a short description of how Section 611 funds were allocated and how those funds can be used. In addition, Table I in Enclosure B shows funding levels for distribution of Section 611 funds and the parameters for within-State allocations. Table II in

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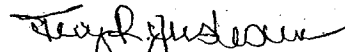
Enclosure B shows your State-specific information for within-State distribution of 611 funds based on your State's application. If you disagree with the information in Enclosure B Table II, notify your State contact immediately.

Enclosure C provides a short description of how Section 619 funds were allocated and how those funds can be used. In addition, Table III in Enclosure C shows State-by-State funding levels for distribution of Section 619 funds.

Section 604 of the IDEA provides that "[a] State shall not be immune under the eleventh amendment to the Constitution of the United States from suit in Federal court for a violation of this Act." Therefore, by accepting this grant a State is expressly agreeing to a waiver of Eleventh Amendment immunity as a condition of IDEA funding.

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality educational services to children with disabilities.

Sincerely,



Troy R. Justesen
Acting Director
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Stephanie J. Petska