



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MOLLY M. SPEARMAN**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

September 21, 2017

Jason Botel  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Mr. Botel:

I am writing to request a waiver, pursuant to section 8401(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

South Carolina is requesting this waiver to extend the federal fiscal year 2015 (FY15) grant award period for selected Elementary and Secondary Education (ESEA) grants that are expiring September 30, 2017. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) requests that the following FY15 program funds be extended to September 30, 2019:

Grant Title	Federal Award Number	Begin Date	End Date
TITLE I GRANTS TO STATES	S010A150040	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
MIGRANT EDUCATION	S011A150041	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
NEGLECTED AND DELINQUENT	S013A150040	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
MIGRANT CONSORTIUM INCENTIVE	S144F150041	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS	S196A150042	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
REAP (Rural & Low Income Schools)	S358B150040	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION	S365A150040	7/1/2015	9/30/2017

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Grant Title	Federal Award Number	Begin Date	End Date
TITLE III - IMMIGRANT	S365B150040	12/16/2014	9/30/2017
IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	S367A150038	7/1/2015	9/30/2017
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers	S287C150041	7/1/2015	9/30/2017

This waiver will advance student achievement by permitting South Carolina to reallocate these funds under each program's requirements so that LEA's and schools will have sufficient time to plan and expend the funds in thoughtful and responsible manner. South Carolina requests this waiver to provide for continued support for helping those students most at risk for school failure. The programs will be monitored and evaluated by the South Carolina Department of Education offices responsible for program implementation.

Prior to submitting this waiver request, South Carolina provided all LEAs in the State with notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment on this request. South Carolina provided such notice by e-mailing notice for comment to Federal Program Coordinators. South Carolina also provided notice and a reasonable opportunity to comment regarding this waiver request to the public in the manner in which South Carolina customarily provides such notice and opportunity to comment to the public by posting information on the department's website.

Please contact Roy Stehle by phone or email at 803-734-8118 or [rstehle@ed.sc.gov](mailto:rstehle@ed.sc.gov) or contact Jennifer Rhodes at 803-734-8110 or [jrhodes@ed.sc.gov](mailto:jrhodes@ed.sc.gov) if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education

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