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TO: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
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SUBJECT: Loss of NCLB Title IV, Part A SDFSCA Funding

We regret to inform you that the NCLB Title IV, Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act State Grants portion of funding to local educational agencies will be eliminated, effective for 2010-2011. The following information may be useful in preparing for the elimination of this funding.

- LEAs will not receive new Title IV-A allocations for 2010-2011 and may choose to expend all available funds in 2009-2010. To use any unbudgeted resources during the 2009-2010 grant period, a budget amendment (form FS-10-A) must be submitted for approval prior to the end of the grant period which is August 31, 2010. All budget amendments must be mailed to Grants Management, NYSED, Room 674 EBA, Albany NY 12234.
- LEAs with carryover funds from 2009-2010 will be able to apply to use them in 2010-2011 through the 2010-2011 NCLB Consolidated Application process. However, the maximum amount that an LEA may carry over to 2010-2011 is equivalent to 25 percent of the LEA's 2009-2010 allocation. In order to access any funds that exceed the 25 percent limit in 2010-2011, an LEA may request a waiver from the State Education Department to raise the limit to 100 percent after its 2009-2010 grant is closed. In any case, to use remaining resources during 2010-2011, an FS-10 budget and supporting materials must be submitted with the 2010-2011 NCLB Consolidated Application.
- To ensure that LEAs make maximum use of their Title IV-A funds, the Department encourages those responsible for Title IV programs to work closely with their business offices to obligate and spend all funds available to them as part of their 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 budgets. To verify the amount of Title IV-A funds available to your LEA, please go to SED Grants Finance's Reports page at <http://www.oms.nysed.gov/cafe/reports/> to view NCLB Allocation Reports.

Please share this information with staff responsible for SDFSCA funding. If you have any questions, contact the Safe Schools and Alternative Education Team at (518) 486-6090.

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