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Title I Committee of Practitioners Spring Meeting

Location: Conference Call

Date: March 11, 2015 (10:30-11:00 a.m.)

TIME	AGENDA TOPICS	Persons Responsible
10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions Roll Call	Caroline Walker, Director, Elementary Curricular Programs, Howard County COP Chair Young-chan Han, Title I Specialist Program Improvement and Family Support Branch
10:35 a.m.	Purpose of the meeting Discussion - Waiver to the US Department of Education for the use of FY 14 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funds -1003(g)	Tina McKnight Program Improvement and Family Support Branch Maryland State Department of Education SIG Team Program Improvement and Family Support Branch
10:55 a.m.	Wrap-Up	

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2014-2015 COP meeting dates:

No future meeting is scheduled for the rest of the 2014-2015 school year.



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Members Present: Caroline Walker (Chairperson), Deann Collins, Kathleen Wallis, Ilhye Yoon, Valerie Ashton-Thomas, Ray Leone, Barbara Baker, Felicia Lanham, Susan Shaffer, Vernon Thompson, Tina McKnight, and Young-chan Han

AGENDA TOPICS	Notes
<p>Welcome and Introductions Caroline Walker, COP Chair</p> <p>Roll Call: Young-chan Han</p>	<p>Caroline welcomed and thanked everyone for participating in the COP conference call to hear an update on the use of FY14 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds.</p>
<p>Purpose of the Meeting Tina McKnight Maryland State Department of Education</p> <p>Sharing and Discussion: Waiver to the US Department of Education for the use of FY14 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funds – 1003(g)</p>	<p>Tina shared the purpose of the conference call. The purpose is to provide an update on the Waiver to the US Department of Education for the use of FY14 School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funds – 1003 (g).</p> <p>Sharing and Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USED granted Maryland an opportunity to request carryover of all FY 2014 SIG funds to 2015. • SIG schools are Maryland’s Priority schools • The new list of SIG/Priority schools will not be named until January 2016 due to the first implementation of PARCC Assessments in the 2014-2015 school year. Standard setting for the new PARCC assessment data will not be available until late 2015. • USED and MSDE want alignment between Priority Schools identified in the ESEA Flex Renewal Plan and the School Improvement Grant. • Competition for the combined FY 2014 and FY 2015 SIG funds will be available in early 2016. • The Waiver to the US Department of Education for the use of FY 2014 Funds will be uploaded on the MSDE website for public comments within a week or two and will be available for comment for 10 days. • This waiver request is for 1003(g) funds only and it is not about 1003(a).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further explanation of the ESEA Flex plan was shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flex plan requires that Maryland name 5% of the lowest performing schools of all Title I schools in the state – 21 schools in total. ➤ Maryland currently has 18 lowest performing schools identified. ➤ Maryland will have to name at least three additional schools to meet the 5% threshold. ➤ Newly identified schools will have a period of planning to begin implementation of their school improvement models on 2016-2017 school year. • Tina briefly explained that there will be additional school improvement models available for SIG schools in addition to the four existing models. • SIG IV will be a 5-year grant. <p>*Comments/questions by COP members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts will be able to do more planning with the schools. • SIG IV with ESEA Flex plan alignment is good and it makes sense for better planning and implementation. • A question was raised about funding for current priority schools – current priority schools will continue to be funded. Most are funded by Title I, Part A. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP members are encouraged to review the SIG IV documents when it becomes available for public comments. The members were asked to identify themselves as a “Title I COP member” when completing the survey. • Young-chan will send an e-mail to the members when the SIG IV related documents are available for review.
Wrap-Up	Young-chan thanked everyone for their participation and reminded everyone that today’s conference call related documents including the meeting minutes will be uploaded on the MSDE/COP site.

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2014-2015 COP meeting date: May 21, 2015 a.m.

2015-2016 COP meeting dates: TBD