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**To:** Superintendents

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**From:** Margaret MacKinnon, Title I/ESEA & SIG Administrator

**Date:** May 22, 2013

**Subject:** Notification of Alaska's Intent to Apply for Title I, Part A Carryover Waiver

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The Alaska Department of Education & Early Development plans to request a waiver of the limitation in section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) that prohibits a State educational agency (SEA) from granting to a local educational agency (LEA) a waiver of the carryover limitation in section 1127(a) of the ESEA more than once every three years. Section 1127(b) permits an SEA to waive the limitation in section 1127(a) once every three years if: (1) the LEA's request is reasonable and necessary; or (2) a supplemental Title I, Part A appropriation becomes available. In accordance with these provisions, Alaska plans to request a waiver to allow the state to waive the carryover limitation more than once every three years for an LEA that needs the additional waiver because it would be reasonable and necessary due to the sequester, which has resulted in additional uncertainty about the amount of Federal fiscal year (FY) 2013 Title I, Part A funds that will be available for use by LEAs primarily in the 2013-2014 school year. This waiver will permit an LEA to carry over Title I, Part A funds allocated for the 2012-2013 in excess of the Title I-A 15% carryover limitation in order to spend the funds thoughtfully and to increase the quality of instruction and improve the academic achievement of students in the face of a likely reduction in its 2013-2014 Title I, Part A allocation.

**Districts are invited to submit comments to the department no later than May 30, 2013. After that date, the department will submit the waiver requests with district comments to the US Department of Education (USED) for approval. Comments may be submitted to Melissa Bell by email at [melissa.bell@alaska.gov](mailto:melissa.bell@alaska.gov) or by fax at 907-465-6760.**