



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Non-public School Administrator:

The Milwaukee Public Schools welcomes the opportunity to continue to involve non-public schools in discussions regarding the "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB), the name given to the 2001 version of the U.S. Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). We are committed to working collaboratively with you to use Federal Title funds for the benefit of Milwaukee students.

NCLB requires that participation in programs and services be preceded by meaningful consultation with representatives of non-public schools to determine needs for each program area, and what programs and services will best meet those needs. We plan to continue to host quarterly meetings with non-public school representatives next school year to foster open communications and dialogue about issues of common concern. You are invited to join MPS and representatives of other non-public schools in this process. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 16 at 8:00 a.m. in the MPS Central Services auditorium at 5225 W. Vliet St. in Milwaukee. In addition, a steering committee has been established with non-public school representatives to strengthen ongoing communication efforts. If you have questions relating to the consultation process, please contact me (414) 475-8090.

Enclosed is the Affirmation of Consultation with Private School Officials form sent annually to offer Federal Title services. This is your consolidated grant application for participation under all eligible ESEA Title programs in non-public schools. NCLB requires that MPS provide services and/or programs identified in Titles I through V of the act to support eligible students enrolled in non-public schools.

MPS is required to verify that funding set aside for services is based upon students who meet the various Title program criterion. To ensure equitable participation, as well as State and Federal compliance, we are requiring the submission of student information for any school seeking to participate in any Title program. See the attached Enrollment Summary form for information about this requirement.

You must return your form (along with student information if you are requesting participation in any Title programs) promptly by Tuesday, January 31, 2006 in order to ensure eligibility for Title program participation in the coming school year. We will use the information you provide to maintain contact and to gauge your school's level of access to services (Title funds may not be provided directly to participating non-public schools). Here is an overview of what each Title provides:

- Title IA: Direct educational services to a targeted number of eligible students through third party providers
- Title IIA: Funding for professional development resources and activities
- Title IID: MPS sponsored professional development for non-public schools and their staff members as well as opportunities for membership in professional development consortiums with other schools
- Title III: Funds for schools with a significant number of English language learners
- Title IV: Participation in research based activities related to the development of safe and drug free schools
- Title V: Purchase of supplementary educational materials for student use and professional development.

Much more information is available in the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document. Please consider the Title program resources available for your school's students and respond promptly.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shannon Gordon, MPS ESEA Implementation and Compliance Manager