



Dear Milwaukee Private School Administrator:

The Milwaukee Public Schools welcomes the opportunity to continue to involve private 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 private 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 private schools in this process.

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 private 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. Here are the significant dates to remember:

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| Thursday, November 15, 2007 | Quarterly Private School ESEA Consultation MPS Central Services auditorium at 5225 W. Vliet St. in Milwaukee from 8:00 until noon |
| Friday, November 30, 2007 | ESEA student enrollment count date (Students enrolled and attending on November 30, 2007 may be counted along with students who attended one previous day this school year and attend one day between count date and submission deadline.) |
| Friday, December 14, 2007 | Deadline for submission of complete Affirmation of Consultation, Enrollment Summary and student information to participate in ESEA Title programs in 2008-2009 |

Here is an overview of what each Title provides:

- Title IA: Educational services to a targeted number of eligible students through third party providers, professional development for the private school teachers of students receiving Title I service, parental involvement support for families of eligible students
- Title IIA: Funding for professional development resources and activities with a focus on promotion of student academic achievement in math, reading, language arts, social studies and science
- Title IID: MPS sponsored professional development to support use of technological resources to promote student achievement for non-public school staff members
- Title III: Funds to support academic achievement for English language learners in schools with a significant number of qualifying students
- Title IV: Participation in research based activities related to the development of safe and drug free schools
- Title V: Supports innovative programs to promote student achievement, including purchase of supplementary educational materials for student use and professional development to support student achievement in subject areas addressed with State Achievement Standards

Much more information is available in the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions document and in the Milwaukee Non-public School ESEA Title Program handbook, which is available at:

http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/title_i/Downloads/Word/MPSTitleNPPProgHdbk2-07.doc

Please consider the Title program resources available for your school's students and respond promptly. If you have questions relating to ESEA participation through MPS for your schools eligible students, please contact me, at (414) 475-8122 or valentec@milwaukee.k12.wi.us.

Sincerely,

Edward Valent
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