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To: Non-public schools participating in Title Programs for eligible City of Milwaukee resident students
Re: **Title Program Consultation Meetings**

Under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, now commonly referred to as "No Child Left Behind" legislation), Milwaukee Public Schools is required to engage in consultations on key issues that affect the ability of eligible private school students to participate equitably in Title programs. Any non-public school serving City of Milwaukee resident students may attend these consultation meetings, even if they are not currently participating in Title programs with the district. You are invited to send school representatives to the next consultation meeting. Here are meeting details:

When: 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 16, 2004
Where: **Cousins Center**; 3501 S. Lake Drive; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Topics at Title Program consultation meetings include:

- How MPS will identify the needs of Title I eligible private school children
- What services MPS will offer to eligible private school children
- How and when MPS will make decisions about the delivery of services
- How, where and by whom MPS will provide services to eligible private school children, including a thorough consideration and analysis of the views of the private school officials on the provision of Title I services through a contract with a third-party provider
- How MPS will assess academically the Title I services to eligible private school children in accordance with §200.10 and how MPS will use the results of that assessment to improve Title I services
- The size and scope of the equitable services that MPS will provide to eligible private school children and, consistent with §200.64, the proportion of funds that will be allocated to provide these services
- The method or sources of data that MPS will use under §200.78 to determine the number of private school children from low income families residing in participating public school attendance areas, including whether MPS will extrapolate data, if a survey is used
- The equitable services MPS will provide to teachers and families of participating private school children

Finally, for your information:

- A tentative agenda is attached. Contact Ed Valent (information in header) with questions or suggestions.
- Additional Title IIA and V funds have been identified for non-public school use in the 2004-2005 school year. The Title program enrollment audit conducted in September and October has resulted in some other changes for schools that experience enrollment increases or declines of more than 15%. New allocation information will be mailed to participating schools during the week of November 22, 2004.
- This year's deadlines for Title program expenditures through MPS are:

Monday, February 28, 2005, which is the last day to request purchase of materials with Title funds (Expenditures via purchase orders)

Friday, May 20, 2005, which is the last day to request direct payments with Title funds.
Required supporting documentation for such payments also due on this date.

MPS Non-public School Web Site: www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/title_i/Web_Pages/non-public.html

Milwaukee Non-public School Title Program Consultation Agenda

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cousins Center

3501 S. Lake Drive

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I. Continental breakfast, Welcome and General Interest Topics

- A. Title Program Handbook update: *MPS has gotten a significant amount of feedback on the draft release of this resource. Program monitors from Madison and Washington would have asked MPS to emphasize the distinctions between and among the Titles. The draft now posted on the MPS non-public web site reflects some, but not all of these changes. Watch for ongoing updates.*
- B. Third Friday of September Non-public Title Program Enrollment Audit results. *MPS personnel were joined by Title IA service providers in collecting enrollment numbers and student names from all Title program participants. Most schools gave accurate and complete information. Questions were raised related to only six schools. Two had underreported by only submitting information from one campus of multi sight schools, two others had significant but verified changes and two reports raised questions that are still being addressed. U.S. Department of Education (USED) personnel have told MPS that a reallocation based upon fall audit results would need to include all schools, public and private, not just those private schools that experienced significant gains or losses. Such a broad reallocation is not practically possible. USED suggested that such audits take place during annual "participation verification periods" ("survey" times, when non-public schools indicate interest in Title program participation) . MPS will collect student information from each school again during the February / March participation verification period in 2005.*
- C. 2005-2006 Participation Verification: When and how? *Beginning in the 2005-2006 school year, MPS will conduct the participation verifications in January. City of Milwaukee resident student information will be collected along with participation verification documents. (Poverty data and other Information about all City of Milwaukee residents will be needed to allow accuracy checks and to provide data needed to compute allocation formulas.)*
- D. Additional 2004-2005 Title Program funds for non-public participants: Why and how much? *MPS will be providing additional Title IIA and V funds for participating non-public schools this fall. The money is available because MPS underestimated the amount of carry over to be reallocated to schools this fall and because more Title IIA funding was included for equitable participation when MPS decided to fund class size reduction initiatives with board funds instead of Title IIA funds. New non-public schools will be included in the reallocation for these two Titles. New allocation letters will be sent to non-public schools during Thanksgiving week.*
- E. Non-public listserv:
 - 1. Send e-mail to listserv@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us
 - 2. In body of message type <subscribe non-public>

II. Title IIA: Preparing and Training High Quality Teachers and Principals 1) How is Title II money based? Done under this title is the most wide open. Under Title V, it's a little more limited.

- A. Clarifications on allowed professional development under this Title: *Watch the Title Program Handbook and the MPS Non-public School Web Site: www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/title_i/Web_Pages/non-public.html*

e-mail listserv for clarifications.

B. Secular vs. religious content in professional development *Watch the Title Program Handbook and the e-mail listserv for clarifications.*

III. Title IID: Enhancing Education through Technology: Are Titles discussed based on population of school this year or last year? Are there any changes in Title IV?

A. Now working on course offerings for spring semester: see non-public web site for details and contact Anne Knackert at 438-3677 or knackert@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us with input.

B. See http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/title_i/Web_Pages/non-public.html#TitleIID for information about possible course offerings.

IV. Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools, 475-8057:

A. Committee for Children offering 10% discounts for programs purchased before Dec. 31, 2004: Suggestion: Request for consultation to be used as not every school would see it or address it to be used for. Be included in planning before set. Would like to take part in waver list.

B. Next Student Assistance Coordinator meeting: 11/22/04; 4:15 to 6:15 PM at Tommy Thompson Center at State Fair Park; 640 S. 84th St.; West Allis, WI: *schools are encouraged to send representatives to these meetings that allow collaboration among staff members working with Title IV programs and service providers. Stipends may be requested for participation.*

V. Title V: Local Innovative Education Programs

A. Clarifications on expenditures allowed under this Title *Watch the Title Program Handbook and the e-mail listserv for clarifications.*

VI. Questions and answers; Suggestions for future agenda items *Title IV currently limits uses of funds to items on approved local and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services menus and other items for which waivers are formally requested and granted. It was suggested that non-public schools be invited to participate in decisions about items to include on locally approved list. Mr. Valent agreed to discuss the proposal with Title IV staff at MPS.*

VII. Title IA and Title III Small group sessions in breakout rooms

A. Title IA vendor meetings *minutes unavailable.*

B. Title III schools discuss results of survey testing: *Testing revealed consistent over-reporting of ELL students. While it was clear that English fluency still inhibited the academic performance of identified students., it was also clear that the instrument in use has the effect of concentrating Title III resources for students with the greatest English language needs. Schools will be given a report of testing results along with the tests themselves. Money will be reallocated based upon test results. A few schools will no longer qualify for Title III assistance based upon the results of testing. A new Title III survey tool is being made available for the 2005-2006 school year. MPS will offer non-public school personnel training in the administration of this instrument when it becomes available. Future Title III allocations will be based upon the results of this testing. It is hoped that the instrument will be available this spring. Schools should contact Mr. Valent at 475-8122 with questions about Title III allocations.*

Please contact Ed Valent, MPS supervisor assigned to non-public school Title Program coordination, at 475-8122 or valentec@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us