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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: School Business Administrators, Title I Part A Program Directors

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**Division of Educational Services** 

## ESEA Title I, Part A Fiscal Waiver Received from the United States Department of Education

As a result of the ongoing challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, on September 30, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) submitted a request to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) to waive the requirement that limits NJDOE's ability to grant to local educational agencies (LEAs) a waiver of the 15 percent Title I, Part A carryover limitation in section 1127(a) to once every three years. On January 3, 2023, the USED approved NJDOE's Title I, Part A waiver request. See the FY 2021-2022 COVID-19 Fiscal Waiver Request and the USED 2021-2022 NJ Fiscal Waiver Approval on the NJDOE's ESSA webpage.

As a result, LEAs that received a FFY 2021 (grant period 2021-2022) carryover waiver from NJDOE, will not need to apply for a carryover waiver from NJDOE again until FFY 2024 (Grant period 2024-2025). This affords LEAs additional time to responsibly plan and program future Title I, Part A spending, as well as provide additional flexibility to respond to ongoing issues related to COVID-19, as needed.

In an effort to assist LEAs with planning and programming their carryover funding for the 2022-2023 school year, the NJDOE will be providing a series of technical assistance sessions and monthly office hours. Dates and times will be forthcoming and available on the NJDOE Events Calendar.

If you have questions, please contact the NJDOE's Office of Supplemental Educational Programs through email at <a href="mailto:titleone@doe.nj.gov">titleone@doe.nj.gov</a>.

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