



CALIFORNIA
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Dear Select County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT WAIVER

This letter provides you with current information about the State of California's request for the waiver of several provisions of federal law and regulations related to implementation of the School Improvement Grants (SIG): American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended. This request would allow any local educational agency (LEA) in California that receives a SIG to use those funds in accordance with the final requirements for SIG and the LEA application for a grant.

All of the waivers related to SIG requested by California were granted, including a waiver of Section 1116(b)(12) of the ESEA to permit an LEA to allow its Tier I and Tier II schools that will implement a turnaround or restart model to "start over" in the school improvement timeline. (**Note:** This waiver applies to Tier I and Tier II schools only.)

This letter confirms the "start over" in Program Improvement (PI) timeline status of the schools listed in the enclosure. This means that the schools listed are no longer in PI. The earliest any of these schools could re-enter PI is the beginning of the 2012–13 school year (SY). If these schools do not make their Adequate Yearly Progress targets for two consecutive years (2010–11 and 2011–12), the earliest they would potentially be required to offer public school choice would be the start of the 2012–13 SY and the earliest they would potentially be required to offer supplemental educational services would be the start of the 2013–14 SY.

The change in PI status for schools implementing the restart or turnaround models should be reflected in the PI reports which we anticipate to be updated on the CDE Accountability Progress Reporting Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar/> in mid-December. The PI status for these schools will then be reported as "Not in PI."

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If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact the Regional Coordination and Support Office, by phone at 916-319-0833 or by e-mail at RCSO@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah V.H. Sigman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deborah V.H. Sigman, Deputy Superintendent
Curriculum, Learning, and Accountability Branch

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Enclosure

2009–10 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT—COHORT 2010

Turnaround and Restart Intervention Models with Start Over Waiver Requested

District	School	Tier & Intervention	Waiver	Rec Funding
Coachella Valley Unified	West Shores High	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Escondido Union Elementary	Felicita Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Fresno Unified	Carver Academy	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Fresno Unified	Yosemite Middle	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Fresno Unified	Webster Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Hayward Unified	Longwood Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Lindsay Unified	Jefferson Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Los Angeles Unified	Samuel Gompers Middle	Tier I - Restart	Start Over	x
Los Angeles Unified	Robert Louis Stevenson Middle	Tier I - Restart	Start Over	x
Los Angeles Unified	Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary	Tier I - Restart	Start Over	x
Los Angeles Unified	Edwin Markham Middle	Tier I - Restart	Start Over	x
Los Angeles Unified	George Washington Carver Middle	Tier I - Restart	Start Over	x
Marysville Joint Unified	Ella Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Monterey Peninsula Unified	Highland Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Monterey Peninsula Unified	Martin Luther King	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Palmdale Elementary	Tumbleweed Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Palmdale Elementary	Cactus Middle	Tier II - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Ravenswood City Elementary	Costano Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Ravenswood City Elementary	Ronald McNair	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Serrano Middle	Tier II - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Hunt Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Wilson Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Shandin Hills Middle	Tier II - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Marshall Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Bernardino City Unified	Barton Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Francisco Unified	John Muir Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Francisco Unified	George Washington Carver Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Francisco Unified	Everett Middle	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Francisco Unified	Bryant Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
San Juan Unified	Encina Preparatory High	Tier II - Turnaround	Start Over	x
Soledad Unified	Rose Ferrero Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x
West Contra Costa Unified	Lincoln Elementary	Tier I - Turnaround	Start Over	x