



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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Dear Chief State School Officers:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the Department's plans and schedule for 2010 -2011 monitoring conducted by the Student Achievement and School Accountability Program (SASA). Last week the Department released the FY 2010 School Improvement Grants (SIG) application and non-regulatory guidance. We have planned a number of conference calls with States to help with the process of completing applications. We know you will be very busy in the weeks ahead gathering and preparing information to this end. As you can imagine we will also be busy preparing to receive and review applications, as well as continuing to provide additional support and technical assistance. We are committed to working with you in turning around the persistently lowest-achieving schools in your State.

To this end, beginning in January 2011 and through June 2011, we will focus our Title I State monitoring activities exclusively on the SIG program. During this period, we will continue to monitor Title III according to the established schedule; however we will not monitor the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program or Title I, Part D. States that are scheduled to be monitored for Title I, Part A during this six month period will be reviewed for SIG requirements only and will not be reviewed for other Title I requirements that are part of our standard monitoring protocol. During this period we will also monitor for SIG in States that were previously monitored earlier in the 2010-2011 cycle beginning October 2010, as well as in an additional three States, for a total of 15 State SIG reviews.

For the purposes of SIG monitoring we have developed indicators and a monitoring protocol especially aligned to SIG requirements at the State, LEA and school level. We are currently piloting this effort and when this is completed, we will share with you the indicators and draft schedule that will guide this process. In addition, we will continue to provide ongoing technical assistance upon request and in collaboration with you to help districts and schools in your State with the successful implementation of Title I, Part A, SIG, Title III, Title I, Part D, and the Education for Homeless Children and Youth programs.

We have attached a revised SASA monitoring schedule for your convenience. Please let us know within the next two weeks if any of the newly established dates are not feasible for your State. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Rutkin of my staff at 202.260-4412 or by email at [Gary-Rutkin@ed.gov](mailto:Gary-Rutkin@ed.gov).

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this key Department initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. McKee".

Patricia A. McKee  
Acting Director  
Student Achievement and  
School Accountability Programs

Cc: State Title I Directors

Attachment

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**SASA Staff Monitoring Schedule (UPDATED)**  
**Title I, Homeless, N/D, and Title III**  
**October 2010 – September 2011**

<u>State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Team Leader</u>	<u>S&amp;Aand A</u>	<u>Instructional Support</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Homeless/ N or D</u>	<u>SIG</u>	<u>Title III</u>
Maine	Oct 4-8	G. Rutkin	C. Roney	B. McGrady	K. Hicks	Consultant		
Mississippi	Nov 1-5	C. Martinez	G. Ross	R. Friend	P. Smith	Consultant		
New Mexico	Dec 6-10	P. Brown S. Anand	G. Ross	D. Woodley	N. Cromer	D. Little	SASA SIG TEAM	A. Weinmann; R. Vazquez; L. Wions
New York	Dec 13-17	S. Anand						M. Bentley-Memon; L. Bailey; F. Brendefur; A. Jenkins; P. Johnson; C. Stiteler; E. Moore
Nevada	Feb 14-18						SASA SIG TEAM	
Pennsylvania	Feb 28-Mar 4						SASA SIG TEAM	
California	March 7 - 11						SASA SIG TEAM	
Indiana	Mar 14-18						SASA SIG TEAM	
Wyoming	March 21-25	S. Anand						R. Vazquez; A. Weinmann; C. Stiteler
Maine	March 21 -25						SASA SIG TEAM	
Michigan	April 4 - 8						SASA SIG TEAM	
Hawaii	April 11-15	S. Anand						S. Kenworthy
Tennessee	Apr 11-15						SASA SIG TEAM	
North Carolina	April 11-14	S. Anand						P. Johnson; M. Bentley-Memon; E. Moore
Washington	April 25-29	S. Anand						S. Kenworthy; L. Bailey; C. Stiteler; R. Vazquez

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Mississippi	May 2 - 6						SASA SIG TEAM	
Minnesota	May 2 - 6						SASA SIG TEAM	
Delaware	May 9-13	S. Anand						P. Johnson; R. Sinai; C. Jovanovich; A. Weinmann
Nebraska	May 9-13	S. Anand					SASA SIG TEAM	R. Vazquez; S. Kenworthy; Consultant
South Dakota	May 16-20						SASA SIG TEAM	
Connecticut	May 16-20							E. Bailey; A. Jenkins; D. Holbrook
Montana	June 6-10						SASA SIG TEAM	
North Dakota	August 30- Sept. 3	S. Anand						S. Kenworthy; A. Weinmann; L. Wions
Massachusetts	September 12-16	S. Anand						M. Bentley-Memon; P. Johnson; D. Holbrook
Oklahoma	September 26-30	S. Anand						E. Bailey; F. Brendefur; R. Vazquez
BIE (FL)	TBD	C. Martinez	C. Hollingshead	TBD	E. Simermeyer	Consultant		
BIE (OK)	TBD	C. Martinez	C. Hollingshead	TBD	K. Hicks	Consultant		
BIE (NM)	TBD	C. Martinez	C. Hollingshead	L. Wise	T. Stephenson	J. McLaughlin	SASA SIG TEAM	