



**Mississippi Department of Education  
Public Notice to Apply to the United States Department of Education  
For School Improvement Grant, Section 1003(g) Waiver**

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is requesting a waiver of the requirement in Section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. § 1225(b)) to extend the period of availability of Federal Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 School Improvement Grant funds for the SEA and all of its LEA's to September 30, 2021. A waiver will assist with efforts to meet the fundamentals of the SIG program in turning around low performing schools by allowing the State to use available awards to allow additional schools to be served in a new Cohort of eligible schools.

**Period of availability of Federal Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016 School Improvement Grant Funds**

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**Public Comments**

Public comments are encouraged, and may be submitted via email to [SIGWaivers@mdek12.org](mailto:SIGWaivers@mdek12.org) by 12 noon on Thursday, May 26, 2016. All comments regarding the waiver will be forwarded to the United States Department of Education.