



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

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Dear Miriam:

I am writing to request an amendment to clarify language in our approved grant. While working on our sub-grant competition materials we have become aware of the possibility of funding additional systems depending upon the size and the amount of sub grant funding that is requested and awarded.

We would like to change the language on the pages below adding "at least" to allow for this occurrence should it happen.

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There will be three separate competitions or cohorts. For each competition the GADOE intends to award at least one urban grant, two suburban grants and six rural grants, with a grant competition occurring in January of 2012 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2014--Cohort I); 2013 (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2015--Cohort II); and, 2014 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2016--Cohort III).

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GADOE proposed to fund at least one urban system, two suburban systems and six rural systems or early learning centers per cycle for a total of three Cohorts.

While working with local systems, we have become aware than some systems have changed their academic calendar to extend their hours and reduce the number of days students attend. We have amended our language on page 6 to address this issue.

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Extend the Pre-k school year from 160 days to a calendar that reflects the calendar of the LEA, plus an additional twenty days for children who struggle with developing the necessary pre-literacy and literacy skills needed to read, comprehend and use language effectively.

I appreciate your guidance in this matter.

Julie Morrill

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