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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #002-22**

DATE: January 7, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Rosa S. Atkins, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Notice and Opportunity to Comment on State Waiver Requests to Extend the Period of Obligation for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) 1003(g) Funds**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for waivers of Section 421(b) of the *General Education Provisions Act* (GEPA), also known as the "Tydings Amendment," as it affects the authority of the Virginia Department of Education and its subrecipients to obligate the following Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) funds after September 30, 2016:

- FFY 2016 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds under Section 1003(g).

The waivers would extend the period during which the state and sub recipients may obligate funds for School Improvement funds under SIG funds under Section 1003(g) to **September 30, 2023**. The extended authority to obligate these funds would enable the Virginia Department of Education and its sub recipients to increase the quality of instruction for students, improve their academic achievement, and continue to assist the same populations served by the programs for which this waiver is being requested in accordance with applicable program requirements.

In submitting the request for these waivers to USED, the state must provide notice of the request and a reasonable opportunity to comment on it to all sub recipients of the funds

affected by the request. Comments should be submitted to OSQ@doe.virginia.gov by **February 15, 2022**.

For more information

Questions regarding the request of the waivers should be directed to Dr. Aurelia Ortiz, director, Office of School Quality, by email to Aurelia.Ortiz@doe.virginia.gov or by phone, (804) 786-5819.

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