

Enclosure A

CNMI

Section II

A. Assurances



The State makes the following assurances and provisions as required by Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. (20 U.S.C. 1411-1419)

Check and enter date(s) as applicable		Assurances (20 U.S.C. 1411-1419)
Yes (Assurance is given.)	No (Assurance cannot be given. Provide date on which State will complete changes in order to provide assurance.)	
X		1. As applicable, the assurance in OMB Standard Form 424B (Assurances for Non-Construction Programs), relating to legal authority to apply for assistance; access to records; conflict of interest; merit systems; nondiscrimination; Hatch Act provisions; labor standards; flood insurance; environmental standards; wild and scenic river systems; historic preservation; protection of human subjects; animal welfare; lead based paint; Single Audit Act; and general agreement to comply with a Federal laws, executive orders and regulations.
X		2. A free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities residing in the State between the ages of 3 and 21, inclusive including children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled, in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(1).
X		3. The State has established a goal of providing a full educational opportunity to all children with disabilities and a detailed timetable for accomplishing that goal (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(2)).
	July 1, 2006	4. All children with disabilities residing the State, including children with disabilities who are homeless or are wards of the State and children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, located, and evaluated and a practical method developed and implemented to determine which children with disabilities are currently receiving needed special education and related services in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(3).
	July 1, 2006	5. An individualized education program, or an individualized family service plan that meets the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 1436(d), is developed, reviewed, and revised for each child with a disability in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1414(d). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(4))

X		6. To the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are not disabled, and special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment occurs only when the nature or severity of the disability of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(5)(A)-(B).
	July 1, 2006	7. Children with disabilities and their parents are afforded the procedural safeguards required by 20 U.S.C. 1415 and in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(6).
	July 1, 2006	8. Children with disabilities are evaluated in accordance with subsections (a) through (c) of 20 U.S.C. 1414. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(7))
X		9. Agencies in the State comply with 20 U.S.C. 1417(c) (relating to the confidentiality of records and information). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(8))
X		10. Children participating in early intervention programs assisted under part C, and who will participate in preschool programs assisted under this part, experience a smooth and effective transition to those preschool programs in a manner consistent with 20 U.S.C. 1437(a)(9). By the third birthday of such a child, an individualized education program or, if consistent with 20 U.S.C. 1414(d)(2)(B) and 20 U.S.C. 1436(d), an individualized family service plan, has been developed and is being implemented for the child. The local educational agency will participate in transition planning conferences arranged by the designated lead agency under 20 U.S.C. 1435(a)(10). (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(9))
	July 1, 2006	11. To the extent consistent with the number and location of children with disabilities in the State who are enrolled by their parents in private elementary schools and secondary schools in the school district served by a local educational agency, provision is made for the participation of those children in the program assisted or carried out under this part by providing for such children special education and related services in accordance with the requirements found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(A)-(C) unless the Secretary has arranged for services to those children under subsection (f) [By pass].
	July 1, 2006	12. The State educational agency is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of part B are met according to 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(11)(A)-(C).
X		13. The Chief Executive Officer of a State or designee of the officer shall ensure that an interagency agreement or other mechanism for interagency coordination is in effect between each public agency described in subparagraph (B) of 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12) and the State educational agency, in order to ensure that all services described in subparagraph (B)(i) that are needed to ensure a free appropriate public education are provided, including the provision of such services during the pendency of any dispute under clause (iii). Such agreement or mechanism shall meet the requirements found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12)(A)-(C).
X		14. The State educational agency will not make a final determination that a local educational agency is not eligible for assistance under this part without first affording that agency reasonable notice and an opportunity for a hearing. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(13))
	July 1, 2006	15. The State educational agency has established and maintains qualifications to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out this part

		are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including that those personnel have the content knowledge and skills to serve children with disabilities as noted in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(14)(A)-(E).
	July 1, 2006	16. The State has established goals for the performance of children with disabilities in the State that meet the requirements found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(15)(A)-(C).
X		17 All children with disabilities are included in all general State and districtwide assessment programs, including assessments described under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with appropriate accommodations and alternate assessments where necessary and as indicated in their respective individualized education programs as noted in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(16)(A)-(E).
X		18. Funds paid to a State under this part will be expended in accordance with all the provisions of part B including 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(17)(A)-(C)
X		19. The State will not reduce the amount of State financial support for special education and related services for children with disabilities, or otherwise made available because of the excess costs of educating those children, below the amount of that support for the preceding fiscal year in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(18)(A)-(D).
X		20. Prior to the adoption of any policies and procedures needed to comply with this section (including any amendments to such policies and procedures), the State ensures that there are public hearings, adequate notice of the hearings, and an opportunity for comment available to the general public, including individuals with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(19))
X		21. In complying with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(17) and (18), a State may not use funds paid to it under this part to satisfy State-law mandated financial obligations to local educational agencies, including funding based on student attendance or enrollment, or inflation. (20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(20))
X		22. The State has established and maintains an advisory panel for the purpose of providing policy guidance with respect to special education and related services for children with disabilities in the State as found in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(21)(A)-(D)).
X		23. The State educational agency examines data, including data disaggregated by race and ethnicity, to determine if significant discrepancies are occurring in the rate of long-term suspensions and expulsions of children with disabilities in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(22)(A)-(B).
	July 1, 2006	24. The State adopts the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard for the purposes of providing instructional materials to blind persons or other persons with print disabilities, in a timely manner after the publication of the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard in the Federal Register in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(23)(A)-(E).
X		25. The State has in effect, consistent with the purposes of the IDEA and with 20 U.S.C. 1418(d), policies and procedures designed to prevent the inappropriate over identification or disproportionate representation by race and ethnicity of children as children with disabilities, including children with disabilities with a particular impairment described in 20 U.S.C. 1401. (20 U.S.C 1412(a)(24))

	July 1, 2006	26. The State educational agency shall prohibit State and local educational agency personnel from requiring a child to obtain a prescription for a substance covered by the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) as a condition of attending school, receiving an evaluation under subsection (a) or (c) of 20 U.S.C. 1414, or receiving services under the IDEA as described in 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(25)(A)-(B).
X		27. The State shall distribute any funds the State does not reserve under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e) to local educational agencies (including public charter schools that operate as local educational agencies) in the State that have established their eligibility under 20 U.S.C. 1413 for use in accordance with this part as provided for in 20 U.S.C. 1411(f)(1)-(3).
X		28. The State shall provide data to the Secretary on any information that may be required by the Secretary. (20 U.S.C. 1418(a)(3))
X		29. The State, local educational agencies, and educational service agencies shall use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that insure proper disbursement of and accounting for Federal funds. (34 CFR §76.702.)
X		30. The State will continue to comply with the regulations that are still applicable and currently in place.

B. Certifications

The State Educational Agency is providing the following certifications:

Yes	
X	<p>1. The State certifies that ED Form 80-0013, Certification Regarding Lobbying, is on file with the Secretary of Education.</p> <p>With respect to the Certification Regarding Lobbying the State recertifies that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making or renewal of Federal grants under this program; that the State shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," when required (34 CFR Part 82, Appendix B); and that the State Agency shall require the full certification, as set forth in 34 CFR Part 82, Appendix A, in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers.</p>
X	<p>2. The State certifies that certifications in the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) at 34 CFR §80.11 relating to State eligibility, authority and approval to submit and carry out the provisions of its State application, and consistency of that application with State law are in place within the State.</p>
X	<p>3. The State certifies that the arrangements to establish responsibility for services pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(12)(A) are current. This certification must be received prior to the expenditure of any funds reserved by the State under 20 U.S.C. 1411(e)(1).</p>

C. Statement

I certify that the State of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands can make the assurances checked as 'yes' in Section II.A and the certifications required in Section II.B of this application. These provisions meet the requirements of the Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as found in PL 108-446. The State will operate its Part B program in accordance with all of the required assurances and certifications.

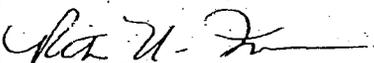
If any assurances have been checked , I certify that the State will operate throughout the period of this grant award consistent with the requirements of the IDEA as found in PL 108-446 and any applicable regulations, and will make such changes to existing policies and procedures as are necessary to bring those policies and procedures into compliance with the requirements of the IDEA, as amended, as soon as possible, and not later than July 1, 2006. (34 CFR §76.104)

I, the undersigned authorized official of the

CNMI Public School System

(Name of State and official name of State agency)

am designated by the Governor of this State to submit this application for FFY 2005 funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Printed/Typed Name and Title of Authorized Representative of the State:	
Rita Hocog inos, Ed.D. Commissioner of Education, CNMI Public School System	
Signature:	Date:
	May 2, 2005