The Honorable Deborah A. Gist  
Commissioner  
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
255 Westminster Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-3400  

Dear Commissioner Gist:  

I am writing in response to Rhode Island’s request to waive the following regulatory requirement of Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). After reviewing Rhode Island’s request, I am pleased to grant the following waiver:  

- Approving schools or local educational agencies (LEAs) identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring as supplemental educational services (SES) providers. I am granting a one-year waiver of 34 C.F.R. § 200.47(b)(1)(iv)(A) and (B) to permit Rhode Island to approve a school or LEA identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring to serve as an SES provider in the 2010–2011 school year.  

This waiver is granted on the following condition:  

- Rhode Island will submit to the Department, by September 30, 2011, a report that includes:  
  o The total number of LEAs identified for improvement or corrective action that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2010–2011 school year; and  
  o The total number of schools identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring that were approved to be an SES provider for the 2010–2011 school year.  

I appreciate the work you are doing to improve your schools and provide a high-quality education for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Zollie Stevenson, Director of Student Achievement and School Accountability Programs (SASA), at (202) 260-0826.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
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cc: Colleen Hedden