

Good afternoon,
Please find important highlights from the Office of Federal Programs below.

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FY 2015 CFPA

The FY 2015 CFPA (Consolidated Federal Programs Application) training is tentatively scheduled for April 29th - 30th at the Vicksburg Convention Center in Vicksburg, MS. Confirmation will be released by the close of business Friday, March 28, 2014. We anticipate posting the FY 2015 CFPA (SY 2014-2015) documents by close of business April 4, 2014. **Save the Date: Tuesday, April 29th- Wednesday, 30th, 2014**

2014 MASA Spring Leadership Conference

The 2014 MASA Spring Leadership Conference is being held Sunday, April 13 – Tuesday, April 15 at the Jackson Hilton Hotel. The Office of Federal Programs is scheduled to present two concurrent sessions on Monday, April 14. Each session is scheduled for 90 minutes with Session I beginning at 10:15 a.m. and Session II at 1:45 p.m. The content of each session will be announced soon.

Tydings Waiver and Immigrant Student Counts SY 2012-2013

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Federal Programs, requires your information on two very important topics by completing the survey noted at the conclusion of this section:

Tydings Waiver

The Mississippi Department of Education, through the Office of Federal Programs, is petitioning the United States Department of Education to waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (the “Tydings Amendment”) as it affects the authority of the MDE and its sub-recipients to obligate federal fiscal year 2011 regular funds after September 30, 2013. This waiver will extend the SY2011-2012 period of availability to

09/30/2014. In other words, ED approves this waiver, the districts that failed to obligate funds by 09/30/2013 will have until 09/30/2014 to expend or obligate those funds. If your district liquidated all SY2011-2012 Title I funds by 12/31/2013, we commend you but ask that you help your neighboring districts by completing the survey. USDE and MDE want to hear the opinion of all districts not just those that will be directly affected.

Immigrant Student Counts SY2012-2013

Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Federal Programs, is verifying student counts for districts who have served immigrant students in school year 2012-2013. As we continue working to transition all data sources through MSIS the process of verifying student counts becomes necessary to ensure data quality. Please review the definition of an "Immigrant student" as seen below then complete the request (reference: *Sec. 3102 of NCLB, Title III*).

The term "Immigrant student" is described as an individual that meets all three of the criteria listed below:

- a) are aged 3 through 21;
- b) were not born in any State; and
- c) have not been attending one or more schools in any one or more States for more than 3 full academic years.

Please provide the requested information no later than **Wednesday, April 9, 2014**. A hard copy of the survey has been attached for your information; however, to complete the survey for both of the above requests, click the link below. Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

<http://cspr.mde.k12.ms.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=immigrantsy201213>

WIDA Notifications for ELLs

Test Materials Ordering

In February 2014, the MDE provided MetriTech with the Pre-ID data file and test material orders for each District. The Pre-ID data file will be generated from the EL data entered by the school districts into EL-specific Federal Program screens in the MSIS. MetriTech will produce Pre-ID labels and packing lists for each district based on the EL information in the MDE-provided data file. The ELLs testing window is April 1st thru April 30th, 2014. Additional materials may be ordered April 1st thru April 16th, 2014 by contacting MetriTech directly at Customer Service 800-747-4868 or via web at: www.metritech.com. Please consult your District Test Coordinator (DTC) for additional information.

Testing Schedule for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

Task	Start Date	End Date
Districts Receive Test Materials & Paperwork	March 25, 2014	
Test Window	April 1, 2014	April 30, 2014
Additional Materials Ordering Window	April 1, 2014	April 16, 2014
Districts Pack & Ship Completed Materials	April 30, 2014	May 2, 2014
All Materials Received at MetriTech	- - -	No Later Than May 6, 2014
Reports Shipped to Districts (Attention: DTC)	July 3, 2014	July 8, 2014