

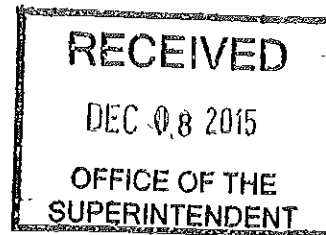
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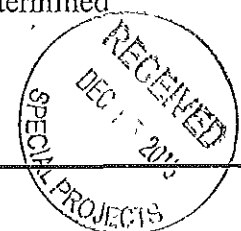
Dear Superintendent Grego:

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) annually collects comparability reports that demonstrate the use of state and local funds, which provide services to Title I schools that are comparable to those provided to non-Title I schools. If the local educational agency (LEA) serves all its schools with Title I funds, the LEA must use state and local funds to provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable in each Title I school. In order to receive Title I, Part A funds, LEAs are required to demonstrate compliance with the comparability requirements: (1) preparing comparability calculations, if applicable; (2) identifying Title I schools that are not comparable and describing action(s) to be taken to make them comparable; and (3) submitting the requisite information to FDOE.

The United States Department of Education (USED) requires that a state educational agency biennially review the source documents a LEA uses to conduct its comparability calculations. Those LEAs that were required to submit source documents to support the data reported for 2014-2015 school year are attached.

Local educational agencies that were required to only complete the online comparability report for the 2014-2015 reporting period should keep in mind that the LEA's online report was reviewed and approved based solely on the data and the written procedures provided in the online system. The LEA is required to maintain evidence that it actually conducted comparability calculations and can document that all schools were indeed comparable in the event of a review of the LEA's actual source documents. Schools found to be non-comparable based on the review of the LEA's actual data should know that any previous communication stating compliance based on the online information becomes void.

The FDOE is in receipt of your LEA's comparability report and supporting documents. The Bureau of Federal Educational Programs staff reviewed the LEA's documents and determined



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that the LEA demonstrated compliance with comparability requirements for the 2014-2015 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie M. Simmons at 850-245-0682, or via email at Jessie.Simmons@fldoe.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Stewart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pam Stewart
Commissioner

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Attachment

LEAs REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO
SUPPORT 2014-15 COMPARABILITY REPORT

Charlotte		Marion
Clay		Martin
Duval		Nassau
Escambia		Okeechobee
Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Lab School		Osceola
Flagler		Palm Beach
Franklin		Pinellas
Gilchrist		Santa Rosa
Hendry		Seminole
Hillsborough		St. Lucie
Indian River		Suwannee
Lake Wales		Volusia
Levy		Wakulla
Liberty		Washington
Madison		