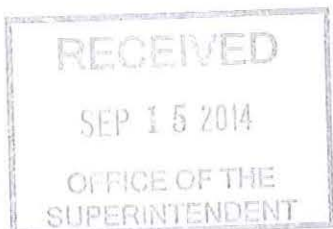




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September 2, 2014

Dr. Michael Grego
Pinellas County School District
301 4th Street Southwest
Largo, Florida 33770-3536

Dear Superintendent Grego:

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) annually collects comparability reports from local educational agencies (LEAs) 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 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 Education Department (USED) requires that a state educational agency (SEA) 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 2013-2014 school year are attached.

Local Educational Agencies that were required to only complete the online comparability report for the 2013-2014 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 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. If a school's online reports are not supported by the evidence in their actual source documents, they will be found in non-compliance.

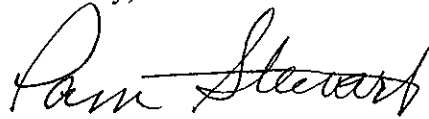
The FDOE is in receipt of your LEA's comparability report and supporting documents. The Bureau of Federal Educational Programs staff reviewed each LEA's documents and determined that each LEA demonstrated compliance with comparability requirements for the 2013-2014 school year.

Michael Grego
September 2, 2014
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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 of Education

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Attachment

LEAs Required to Submit Source Documents for the 2013-2014 School Year

Alachua	Jefferson	Manatee
Baker	Florida State University (FSU) Lab School	Monroe
Bay	Gadsden	Okaloosa
Bradford	Glades	Orange
Brevard	Gulf	Polk
Broward	Hamilton	Putnam
Calhoun	Hardee	Sarasota
Citrus	Hernando	St. Johns
Collier	Highlands	Sumter
Columbia	Holmes	Taylor
Dade	Jackson	University of Florida (UF) Lab School
DeSoto	Lafayette	Union and
Dixie	Lake	Walton
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Lab School	Lee	
Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB)	Leon	