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**PUBLIC COMMENTS BEING GATHERED ON IDAHO'S
REVISED ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER**

(BOISE) -- The Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) received permission from the United States Department of Education to waive certain provisions under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) (2001) specific to Sec. 1111 & 1116. This waiver, granted in 2012, allowed Idaho to build an accountability system that is differentiated. The waiver also removed some of the sanctions in NCLB for schools not meeting all the annual measurable objections identified through the statewide assessment. A copy of the current Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver can be found at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/esea/>.

Idaho is required to renew our waiver for the 2015-16 School Year. A copy of the renewal draft of the ESEA Flexibility Waiver with revisions is provided at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/esea/> to the public for review and comment.

Changes to the ESEA Flexibility Waiver capture Superintendent Ybarra's vision to focus on local control and common-sense solutions, allowing more flexibility for district leaders throughout the state. The draft ESEA Flexibility Waiver captures this new vision for public education and the direction of the new administration.

For more information about public comments and the submission of Idaho's Flexibility Waiver, please contact Marcia Beckman at (208) 332-6942. Public comments may be directed to mmbeckman@sde.idaho.gov.

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