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To: School Superintendents

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Educator Preparation

Subject: LEA Compliance with NCLB Section 2141 (Title II, Part A)

As you are aware, the Title II, Part A program is administered collaboratively by the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) and the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC). The PSC is the state education agency (SEA) responsible for monitoring Title II, Part A implementation as well as providing technical assistance to help school systems meet teacher quality requirements. The PSC's primary goals are to ensure that all students have access to a highly qualified teacher and to provide guidance and technical assistance to identified local education agencies.

A local education agency (LEA) that

- fails to achieve the 100 percent highly qualified requirement for all teachers of core academic subjects OR
- has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years (NI-1) under Section 1119 (b)(2)(B) of Title I, Part A **and** has failed to achieve the 100 percent highly qualified requirement for all teachers of core academic subjects under Section 1119(b)(1) OR
- fails to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years (categorized as NI-2 in Georgia) under section 1111 (b)(2)(B) of Title I, part A , **and** fails to achieve 100 percent highly qualified for all teachers teaching core academic subjects under Section 1119(b)(1)

must include actions within its improvement plan that will enable the local school system to meet the objective(s), and directly address the issues that prevented it from meeting the objective. The LEA plan must also include actions that allow for an annual increase in the percentage of teachers receiving high quality professional development that will enable them to become successful in the classroom. If identified as an NI-2, the LEA must enter into an agreement with the PSC for use of Title II, Part A funds.

Technical assistance will be provided to LEAs following the dissemination of PSC's annual HiQ Teacher and Paraprofessional Report and the identification of NI-1 and NI-2 LEAs by DOE. To provide school systems with technical assistance in meeting this requirement, the PSC has developed Title II, Part A Guidelines to Assist LEAs in Meeting 100 Percent HiQ Requirements Section 2141 (a) (b) and Title II, Part A Guidelines for NI LEAs Section 2141(c). Technical assistance will be provided by the PSC staff during the development and throughout the implementation of the plan.

Training sessions on compliance with NCLB Section 2141 are scheduled around the state to assist school systems with understanding and meeting these requirements. It is expected that each school system will have one or more representatives at one of the training sessions. Scheduled training dates are attached, along with Section 2141 policies, guidelines, and agreement of collaboration for your review.

For additional information on compliance with Section 2141 or on the Title II-A Program, please contact your Title II-A Consultants, or you may contact me at [david.hill@gapsc.com](mailto:david.hill@gapsc.com) or 404-232-2640.

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