Extension of Oregon Department of Education's America Rescue Plan Administrative Funds — Public Notice

The US Department of Education is inviting States to seek a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (Tydings), which will extend the period of availability of administrative funds consolidated under ESEA section 8201.

Specifically, the Tydings waiver will allow the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to consolidate any remaining American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Response (ARP ESSER) or Homeless Children and Youth (ARP HCY) state administration funds with any state ESEA administration funds and use this consolidated funding to seek a Tydings waiver to address costs associated with ARP ESSER and ARP HCY close-out activities.

ODE intends to seek this waiver in order to allow for staffing to provide timely reimbursements and technical assistance for reimbursements to districts and other educational partners during the grant liquidation period and ultimately close out the ESSER grants.

The waiver will also allow ODE to maintain staff to assist districts and other recipients of pandemic funds with required reporting in 2025.

Should any member of the public care to comment on this decision, please email the <u>ODE</u> <u>ESSER Inbox</u> with the subject line: "Tydings Waiver Feedback" by July 15, 2024.