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Dear 2012 -2013 Supplemental Educational Services Provider Applicants:

In September 2011, the United States Department of Education (USDE) provided states with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver application. This waiver would allow states flexibility regarding specific requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) in exchange for rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. On November 14, 2011, the Florida Department of Education joined 10 other states in submitting an application for this flexibility. Please be advised that with this flexibility may come a change in the Supplemental Educational Services Provider's application process as well as the LEA utilization of providers. All 2012-2013 applicants will be notified of any changes that may occur as a result of the flexibility waiver as soon as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as Florida continues to build on and support the significant state and local reform efforts already underway in critical areas to focus on improving student learning and increasing the quality of instruction.

For additional information, please contact Melvin Herring, (850) 245-0684, or via email Melvin.Herring@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

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