

## **New Proposed Title I Regulations**

In April 2008, Secretary Margaret Spellings released a set of new proposed regulations for Title I to strengthen the provisions in the *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Act. The department has learned that the earliest these proposed changes would go into effect is the start of the 2009-2010 school year.

The changes basically fall into two categories: 1) Assessment and Accountability and 2) School Choice and Supplemental Services. Listed below is a summary of the proposed changes:

### Assessment and Accountability

#### ■ **Assessments and Multiple Measures**

Clarify that accountability may be based on multiple measures.

#### ■ **Strengthen State Assessment and Accountability Systems**

The formation of a National Technical Advisory Council (TAC), whose purpose is to advise the Secretary on state accountability plans.

#### ■ **Minimum Subgroup Size and Inclusion of Students in Accountability**

States would be required to explain in their state accountability workbooks how the minimum subgroup size and the inclusion of such components as confidence intervals and certain definitions provide statistically reliable information.

#### ■ **Inclusion of NAEP Data on State and Local Reports Cards**

States would be required to include the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) data on state and local report cards.

#### ■ **Graduation Rates Within NCLB**

The USDE proposes to require all states to adopt the National Governors Association definition of graduation rates for NCLB.

#### ■ **Including Individual Student Growth in AYP**

The expansion of the pilot program allowing the use of growth models in the determination of AYP to all states.

#### ■ **Same Subject-Same Subgroup Identification for Improvement**

Clarify that districts may not limit the identification of schools needing improvement to those that missed AYP because they did not meet AYP in the same subgroup for two consecutive years.

#### ■ **Restructuring**

The USDE proposes that restructuring plans must be more rigorous and comprehensive.

## School Choice and Supplemental Services

### ■ **Timely and Clear Notification to Parents**

Requires districts to provide timely notification to parents regarding their AYP results.

### ■ **Access to Information on District Implementation of Public School Choice and Supplemental Services**

Providing information on school choice and supplemental services on districts' websites.

### ■ **State Monitoring of Districts' Implementation of Supplemental Services**

Providing state monitoring procedures to the public.

### ■ **Supplemental Services Provider Approval Process**

Considering research-based evidence in selecting supplemental services providers.

### ■ **State Monitoring of Supplemental Services Provider Effectiveness**

Enhanced state monitoring of supplemental services provider effectiveness.

### ■ **Costs for Parent Outreach**

Allow the costs of providing outreach and assistance to parents on school choice and supplemental services as part of the 20% obligation for supplemental services.

### ■ **Use of Funds for Public School Choice and Supplemental Services**

Would mandate that additional requirements be met before districts could reallocate their school choice and supplemental services set-asides for other purposes.