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Dear Superintendents and BOCES directors,

Today, I am sharing the following updates:

- Update on Title I (A and D) LEA calculations

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The LEA Title I, Parts A and D allocations have been calculated and will be posted on the [Grants Fiscal Management Unit website](#) by the end of the day on Friday. The state's overall Title I allocation for FY 2025-2026 was reduced by approximately \$4.5 million (~2%) which did, of course, impact our districts. **Districts with a significant reduction have received or will receive phone calls or emails this week from their ESEA Regional Contacts to explain the reasons for reductions in the LEA's allocation**, which is likely based on changes in the 2022 US Census Bureau estimates of 5-17 year olds identified as living in poverty (Formula Children) within the LEA area of attendance. As a reminder, the Census data used in ESEA allocation calculations is three years in arrears.

LEAs must submit the ESEA Acceptance, Relinquishment, Assignment and Certification (ARAC) form in GAINS for the LEA's Consolidated Application to be opened. The process and minimum requirements for obtaining substantial approval have been adjusted for increased flexibility for this year due to the delays in receiving allocations from the Federal Government. A detailed communication outlining the requirements for substantial approval is being sent to the ESEA Consolidated Application Authorized Representatives by the end of the week. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to your [ESEA Regional Contact](#) with any questions.

Warm regards,

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