

Ed Flex Waiver Sought

The Ashburnham-Westminster Regional School District seeks to continue to serve a school in school year 2013-2014 which no longer qualifies for Title I services based upon its poverty level. The school, Westminster Elementary School, Westminster, MA qualified for Title I services up until FY11 and had its grandfather rule year in FY12 and therefore students were served there in FY12. In FY13 the school district was granted a waiver and served students. The school district is seeking another year's waiver. Through this waiver the district proposes a continuation of targeted assistance for Westminster Elementary School, serving grades 2-5, with 348 students. As this is one of our lowest performing schools a continuance of Title I services will benefit our students who are at risk. Through this waiver the district seeks to continue serving students in the earliest grades at the elementary school level. The district expects student performance on MCAS, DIBELS and DAZE tests to improve as a result of this continuance of target assistance.

In accordance with federal requirements, the district is (a) providing the public with adequate notice of the proposed waiver, and includes above a description of improved student performance that is expected to result from the waiver, in a widely read or distributed medium; (b) providing the opportunity for parents, educators, and all other interested members of the community to comment on the proposed waiver; (c) providing the opportunity for the comments to be reviewed by any member of the public; and (d) will submit the comments received with the agency's application to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, as appropriate. The public is invited to give comment to Jana Harrison, Title I Director, 978-874-7312, jharrison@awrsd.org, Grants Office, 9 Academy Hill Road, Westminster, MA 01473. Comments will be accepted through September 20, 2013.