

Dear Grantees:

Lately, there have been rumors circulating in our grantee community about President Obama's 2011 proposed budget for education and more specifically the OSDFS. While the funding for some of our programs appears to have been eliminated, the functions of these programs will likely continue in a consolidated and reorganized office which will be better able to fund program activities such as physical education, counseling, and nutrition. The purpose of the proposed consolidation of programs is to offer a new, more comprehensive direction for our federally-funded K-12 programs with greater flexibility and increased focus on the reforms most likely to produce student success as determined by local and state authorities using a new school climate measurement system.

For those grantees that are in the middle of the project, OSDFS has every intention of honoring our continuation commitments. In turn, we expect that you will continue to do the great work you're doing every day and documenting that work in your annual reports. If you are honoring your commitments and making substantial progress towards your goals, we have no intention of terminating your projects.

The FY 2011 budget is based on a proposed design for a reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and how programs would be funded under that new design, described above. Until Congress completes the ESEA reauthorization process, they will continue to use the current legislative authority for the Department, No Child Left Behind. As you know, under NCLB, PEP does exist as a discreet program, which received \$79 million in FY 2010.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or anyone here at the Department of Education for official information. We ask that you please share this with your colleagues and ask them to contact us directly with any questions. Thank you.

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