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2261 - **TITLE I SERVICES**

The School Board elects to augment the educational program of educationally disadvantaged students by the use of Federal funds and in accordance with Title I of the Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Act of 1965, as amended.

Title I Plan

The Superintendent shall prepare and present to the State Department of Education a plan for the delivery of services which meets the requirements of the law, including those described below. The plan shall be developed by appropriate staff members and parents of students who will be served by the plan. The Corporation will periodically review and revise the plan as necessary.

A. Assessment

The Corporation shall annually assess the educational needs of eligible children, as determined by Federal and State criteria. Such assessment shall include performance measures mandated by the Department of Education as well as those determined by the Corporation's professional staff, that will assist in the diagnosis, teaching, and learning of the participating students.

B. Scope

Each school shall determine whether the funds will be used to upgrade the educational program of an entire school in Title I schools that qualify as schoolwide schools and/or to establish or improve programs that provide services only for eligible students in greatest need of assistance. The schoolwide program, for an entire school and/or a Targeted Assistance School, shall include the components required by law as well as those agreed upon by participating staff and parents.

C. Participation

The Title I program shall be developed and evaluated in consultation with parents and professional staff members, including teachers, principals, and school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, charter school leaders [in a corporation that has charter schools], administrators and other appropriate school personnel involved in its implementation. Appropriate training will be provided to staff members who provide Title I services. Parent participation shall be in accord with Board Policy 2261.01 and shall meet the requirements of Section 1116 of the Act.

D. Supplement Not Supplant Comparability of Services

Title I funds will be used only to augment, not to replace, State and local funds. The Corporation will document its compliance with the supplement not supplant provisions by using a written methodology that ensures State and local funds are allocated to each school on the same basis, regardless of whether a school receives Title I funding.

The Superintendent shall use State and local funds to provide educational services in schools receiving Title I assistance that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services being provided in schools that are not receiving Title I assistance. The determination of the comparability of services may exclude State and local funds expended for language instruction educational programs and the excess costs of providing services to children with disabilities as determined by the Corporation.

The determination of comparability of services will not take into account unpredictable changes in student enrollments or personnel assignments that occur after the beginning of a school year.

In order to achieve comparability of services, the Superintendent shall assign teachers, administrators, and auxiliary personnel and provide curriculum materials and instructional supplies in such a manner as to ensure equivalence throughout the Corporation.

