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Dear Parent or Guardian:

On May 29, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USDoE) granted the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) a waiver of several provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). The purpose of this letter is to explain how parts of the ESEA Flexibility waiver under Title I, Part A of NCLB relate to your child's education.

Notice to Parents

Under Title I, Part A of NCLB, districts were required to notify parents if any of their schools or the district itself was identified for Improvement. **This provision has been waived and districts no longer are required to send a letter notifying parents of School or District Improvement status.**

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Under Title I, Part A of NCLB, districts were required to offer students attending schools identified for Improvement Year 2 and higher, the opportunity to receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES), free tutoring services using external providers.

This provision has been waived and districts no longer are required to offer SES. In the place of SES, districts are required to set aside 20% to expand learning time.

Akron Digital Academy is providing expanded learning time by:

- Providing additional reading interventions to 7th and 8th graders.
- Providing additional support for Reading instruction to students in grades K-8.
- Providing additional support for Math instruction for students in grades K-8.
- Providing additional support for Reading instruction at the Evans Location, Easter Location, Goodyear Location, and Kaiser Hall Location for grades 9-12.
- Providing additional support for Math instruction at the Evans Location, Easter Location, Goodyear Location, and Kaiser Hall Location for grades 9-12.
- Providing college and career prep opportunities.

Additional information concerning Ohio's ESEA Flexibility waiver application and other waiver provisions can be found on the ODE website (ODE Web Site Waiver Provisions) and the USDE's flexibility webpage (<http://www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility>).

You may contact the Executive Director, Bernie Burchett, at 330-237-2232 or bburchett@akrondigital.k12.oh.us if you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, or to find out more about Akron Digital Academy's expanded learning opportunities.

Sincerely,

Bernie Burchett
Executive Director