**LEA Affirmation of Consultation with Private School Officials**

Section 1117 of Title I, Part A and Sections 8501-8504 of Title VIII Uniform Provisions require that timely and meaningful consultation occur between the local education agency (LEA) and private school officials prior to any decision that affects the opportunities of eligible private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel to participate in programs under these acts. Consultation shall continue throughout the implementation and assessment of activities under this section.

The following topics **must** be discussed during the ongoing consultation process:

* How students will be identified.
* How the needs of the teachers, parents, and eligible children will be identified.
* What services will be offered.
* How, where, and by whom the services will be provided.
* When, including the approximate time of day services will be provided.
* When the services will start.
* How the services will be academically assessed and how the results of that assessment will be used to improve those services.
* The size and scope of the equitable services to be provided to the eligible private school children, teachers, education personnel, and families.
* The proportion of funds allocated for each program.
* How the proportionate share of funds is determined.
* The method or sources of data that are used to determine the number of children from low-income families in participating school attendance areas who attend private schools. (Title I, Part A, and Title IV, Part A)
* How and when the LEA will make decisions about the delivery of services to the children.
* Whether services will be provided directly by the LEA or through a separate government agency, consortium, entity, or third-party contractor.
* Whether to provide equitable services to eligible private school children by pooling funds or on a school-by-school basis.
* Whether to consolidate and use funds available for Title I equitable services in coordination with eligible funds available for equitable services under programs covered under section 8501(b) to provide services to eligible private school children in participating programs.
* How, if the LEA disagrees with the views of the private school officials on the provision of services through a contract, the LEA will provide in writing an analysis of the reasons why the LEA has chosen not to use a contractor.

Once the initial consultation has occurred, the LEA representative and the private school representative **must sign one** of the following:

1. We agree that timely and meaningful consultation **occurred before** the LEA made any decision that affected the participation of eligible private school children and teachers in the applicable Title I, Part A; Title II Part A; Title III Part A; Title IV Part A; and Title IV Part B programs.

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1. We believe timely and meaningful consultation **has not** occurred.

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1. We believe the program design **is not equitable** with respect to eligible private school children.

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