**Waiver Process for schools that have less than 40% poverty to change from a Targeted Assistance Program to a Schoolwide Program**

Under Section 1114(a)(1)(B) of Public Law 114-95, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) law, also known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a school that serves an eligible school attendance area in which less than 40 percent of the children are from low-income families, or a school for which less than 40 percent of the children enrolled in the school are from such families, may operate a schoolwide program under this section if the school receives a waiver from the State educational agency to do so, after taking into account how a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of the students in the school served under this part in improving academic achievement and other factors.

Step 1: Apply for a waiver to move from a Targeted Assistance Program to a Schoolwide Program at least 1 year in advance of the year of desired implementation. See page 2 of this document for the waiver application.

1. **Waiver application must be received by the SD DOE no later than March 15th** of the year prior to the planning year.

Step 2: Once the waiver has been approved:

1. Schedule/complete a Comprehensive Needs Assessment that meets SD DOE’s requirements.
2. Complete the Intent to Operate a Schoolwide Program application and submit no later that May 31st of the year prior to the start of the planning year.
3. In March of the planning year, update the SD DOE on the progress of the CNA and the writing of the SW plan.
4. By July 1, submit the SW plan with the Consolidated Application,

# Waiver for operating a SW program with less than 40% poverty Application

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| **DISTRICT Information** | | | |
| **Planning School Year:** | | | |
| **Proposed Implementation Year:** | | | |
| **Date Submitted:** | | | |
| District Name**:** | District Number: | | |
| Superintendent Name: | | | |
| District Phone Number: District Fax Number: | | | |
| Superintendent E-Mail Address: | | | |
| **school information** | | | |
| School Name: | | School Number: | |
| School Type: Elementary Middle Secondary | | | |
| **School Poverty Percentage at time of Notification to SEA: (**If a new school, please estimate the percentage) | | | |
| Grade Levels: | | | |
| School Phone Number: | | | Fax: |
| Principal: | | | |
| Principal Phone Number: | | | |
| Principal’s E-Mail Address: | | | |

Justification and Description Narrative

Please include a description of:

1. Why a Schoolwide Title I program will better serve the needs of ALL students in a lower poverty school, while still meeting the needs of the lowest achieving children at risk of not meeting the challenging State academic standards?
2. What data was used to reach the conclusion that a Schoolwide program is the best way to meet the needs of students?
3. How will all staff be encouraged to participate in the upgraded educational program?