TRI-CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

*Tri-Creek School Corporation commits to **engage** all in relevant learning experiences, **equip** them with meaningful knowledge and skill, and **empower** them with the confidence to thrive.*

March 3, 2025

Tri-Creek School Corporation is applying for a waiver to increase the allowable carryover of Title I, Part A funds from 15% to 25% for the upcoming fiscal year. This waiver is part of the Educational Flexibility (Ed-Flex) Program offered by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), which permits local education agencies to request certain flexibilities to better address their unique needs.

Purpose of the Waiver Application

The primary goal of this waiver is to provide our district with additional time to effectively budget and allocate Title I funds that remained unspent due to unforeseen circumstances. Such circumstances include:

- **Staffing Challenges:** Unexpected resignations of Title I staff or difficulties in filling posted positions, which led to unspent allocated funds above and beyond 15%.

By increasing the carryover limit, we aim to:

- **Ensure Continuity:** Maintain and enhance educational services without the pressure of spending funds hastily at the end of the fiscal year.
- **Support Strategic Planning:** Allow for more thoughtful and effective allocation of resources to Title I programming and resources that directly benefit our students and their academic achievement and growth.

Stakeholder Engagement

We value the input of our community and are committed to transparency throughout this process. To gather feedback and address any questions or concerns, we will:

- **Publicize the Waiver Request:** Information about the waiver application will be shared on our district website (click this link) and with all stakeholders via email.
- **Solicit Public Comments:** We invite parents, educators, and community members to provide their comments and suggestions regarding this waiver request by contacting Kevin Deal (kdeal@tricreek.k12.in.us) or Dana Bogathy (dbogathy@tricreek.k12.in.us) before the March 13, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting.

Expected Benefits

By obtaining this waiver, Tri-Creek School Corporation anticipates the following:

- **Enhanced Student Services:** More effective use of Title I funds to support program staffing and instructional resources that directly impact student achievement as measured by local and statewide assessments.
- **Improved Resource Management:** Greater flexibility in financial planning, allowing us to address specific programmatic needs as they arise without the constraint of a lower carryover limit.

We believe that this waiver will enable us to better serve our students and community by providing the necessary flexibility to manage our resources effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.