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State of Maine
Department of Education

Gifted and Talented Educational Program
Application for One-Year Waiver
2015-16

Gifted and Talented Educational Program Waiver Applications are to be submitted electronically to GT.DOE@maine.gov by September 30, 2015.

Maine Revised Statutes Title 20-A, Chapter 311, section 8101-A(3) states:

Waivers. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, a school administrative unit (SAU) that did not operate a gifted and talented program in the 2011-12 school year may apply to the Commissioner for a one-year waiver of this requirement if full implementation of this requirement presents an undue burden. The Commissioner may grant the SAU a waiver upon receipt of an application from the SAU that includes the basis for the waiver request. Financial hardship is one criterion the Commissioner must consider in determining whether to grant a waiver. The Commissioner has the authority to grant a one-year waiver to a SAU and a one-year waiver extension. Any additional request for extensions must be submitted and reviewed on an annual basis.

School administrative unit name:

Long Island

Name and title of person responsible for gifted and talented program:

Barbara Powers, Superintendent/Principal

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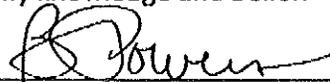
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CERTIFICATION:

The statements made herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Barbara S. Powers

Superintendent Name(printed)



Superintendent Signature

Date Waiver Application Submitted to Maine DOE:

September 15, 2015

Check Reason(s) for Waiver Request:



Financial Hardship



Other



Partial Program Waiver Request



Full Program Waiver Request

Please completely describe the basis for the SAU's one-year waiver request and further describe how the SAU is meeting the needs of the gifted and talented population in your district:

Long Island School has 19 K-5 students and one pre-school student who joins the kindergarten choice time program in the afternoons. The school is completely individualized for all students, with 8 students in the PreK-2 classroom with one teacher, and 11 students in the 3-5 classroom with a second teacher. Both are highly qualified.

Student performance is assessed regularly using both teacher developed and standardized assessment tools (NWEA in reading, writing and math; DRA, Scholastic, Everyday Math pre-tests, Lucy Calkins writing prompts) to insure that instruction is meeting their performance levels. Differentiation in reading, writing, and math occurs daily as a result, with science and social studies project work and reading requirements designed to address their varying needs. Two ed. techs. assist with individualizing student needs as well. Music, art and Spanish are also offered.

There is no budgeted money for GT consultation. Children instead are able to be assigned individual or small group instruction and product requirements based on their assessed abilities. There is 1:1 laptop availability in this school, which was grant funded, and this is another avenue regularly used for individualized work opportunities.

Thank you for considering waiving the program requirement for this very small school.

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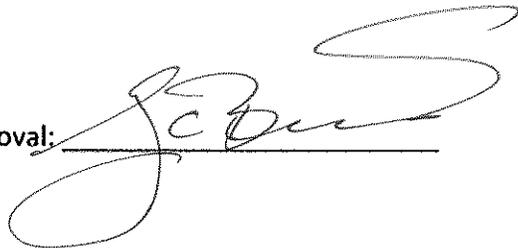
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