

Otwell Miller Academy is seeking a waiver of Sec. 1111(g)(2)(M) of ESEA (Title I) which requires NCLB paraprofessional high-quality requirements to remain in place rather than solely allowing the state to determine what constitutes high-quality, as ESSA allows for teachers. Our waiver requests the SEA to consider the following qualifications for paraprofessionals as high-quality:

- Completed 48-hours of college level classes;
- Passed the para-pro assessment within the first year of employment;
- One year or 1,000 hours of previous employment experience in a school or working with children;
- Completed LEA required professional development modules/training;
- Or passed annual school-level evaluations.

We are soliciting public comments as it relates to this proposal. Any comments can be sent to otwellmilleracademy@gmail.com