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The district is requesting the following waiver[s]:

Time-and-Effort Certification Forms

Federal requirement waived: 2 C.F.R. § 200.430(g)

Employees paid entirely by a single federal program must currently sign paperwork twice a year confirming how they spent their time. This **flexibility removes** the certification requirement for those employees.

Expected benefit for students: Staff and administrators spend less time on federal paperwork and more time supporting students and classrooms.

Title I, Part A — 15% Carryover Limitation

Federal requirement waived: ESEA § 1127(a)

Title I, Part A provides extra funding for schools serving more students from low-income families. Normally, a district may carry no more than 15% of that funding into the next year. This **flexibility lets** the district carry over any amount.

Expected benefit for students: The district can combine funds across years for larger, sustained investments, such as a multi-year tutoring or literacy program, instead of rushing to spend by a deadline.

Title I, Part A — 125% Per-Pupil Allocation Rule Federal requirement waived:

ESEA § 1113(c)(2)(A); 34 C.F.R. § 200.78(b)

Normally, when some schools have lower poverty rates, a district must give each Title I school at least 125% of its average per-student Title I amount. This **flexibility lets** the district set per-student amounts based on need rather than a fixed formula.

Expected benefit for students: Title I dollars can better align with student needs, directing more support to the schools and students who need it most.

Title IV, Part A — Required Spending Categories

Federal requirement waived: ESEA § 4106(e)

Normally, a district receiving $30,000 or more in Title IV-A funds must spend at least 20% on well-rounded education, at least 20% on safe and healthy students, and some amount on educational technology. This **flexibility removes** those minimums, allowing the district to set its own amounts.

Expected benefit for students: The district can direct Title IV-A funds to its highest-priority student needs rather than fixed percentages.

Parents, educators, school administrators, and other interested community members are invited to comment on this proposed waiver request. Comments may be submitted to Jennifer Blankenship by email at jblankenship@blythevilleschools.net.

Comments will be accepted from September 20 through September 30th.

Option 2

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