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Mr. Dean Shaw, Superintendent
Picayune School District
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Dear Mr. Shaw,

As a condition to receiving Title I, Part A funds, districts must use state and local funds to provide services in Title I, Part A schools that **are comparable to the services provided in schools that are not receiving Title I, Part A funds**. If the district serves all of its schools with Title I, Part A funds, it must also use state and local funds to provide services that are substantially comparable in each building.

Your 2009 Comparability Report has been received. A district must develop and implement procedures for compliance with the comparability requirement. Each year the district must maintain comparability. This report and appropriate backup information must be maintained on file at your district for five years and should be made available upon request to local, state, and federal authorities for auditing and/or program review purposes. The source documentation supporting calculations and adjustments must be maintained for monitoring purposes.

A district which has only one building per grade span or has schools with less than 100 students, is exempt from showing comparability but must complete Comparability Form A.

Sincerely,

Quentin Ransburg
Innovative Support

cc: Frank McCardle, Federal Program Coordinator
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