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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Charles Blaschke

SUBJECT: Title I District Preliminary Allocations

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide you with the names of districts which, according to preliminary allocations by USED, are receiving Title I increases this coming year of \$500,000 or more. In virtually all of these cases, the allocations -- to be sent by the SEAs to districts in July and October -- will be slightly less because of adjustments at the state level. Most districts are not aware of their preliminary allocation thus far. Also, there is an asterisk to the left of each district that received an increase of \$1 million or more for this 2002-03 school year. Hence, many of these districts are not likely to carry over unspent Title I funds from this year to next and are prime candidates for purchasing products and services by September 30. This probability is even greater in districts which, during this school year, had five or more schools "identified for improvement," as they were told in August 2002 by USED to hold in reserve up to 20 percent of this year's Title I allocation for transportation costs associated with student transfers or for supplemental education services. These costs were not incurred to any great extent and, as noted in the Special Report on the last NAFEPA conference, many Title I directors in this situation indicated they would have to spend this money fairly soon --- as early as June 30 in several states. In California, where many districts carried over from the previous year to this year, 15 percent, districts are not allowed to carry over 15 percent once again this year because it would violate Title I regulations. Mailings Clearinghouse has identified approximately 300 districts as having five or more "failing" schools this year. (Contact Mary English, 800/776-6373.)

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