

NORTH CAROLINA PRAYER CERTIFICATION AND SINGLE SET OF ASSURANCES
The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-95)

SEC. 8524. [20 U.S.C. 7904] SCHOOL PRAYER.

CERTIFICATION. -- As a condition of receiving funds under this Act, we hereby certify in writing to the State educational agency that no policy of the local educational agency prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary and secondary schools.

SEC. 8306. [20 U.S.C. 7846] OTHER GENERAL ASSURANCES.

ASSURANCES.—Any applicant, other than a State educational agency that submits a plan or application under this Act, shall have on file with the State educational agency a single set of assurances, applicable to each program for which a plan or application is submitted, that provides that—

- (1) each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
- (2)(A) the control of funds provided under each such program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency or in a eligible private agency, institution, organization, or Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to those entities; and (B) the public agency, eligible private agency, institution, or organization, or Indian tribe will administer the funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing statutes;
- (3) the applicant will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including— (A) the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program; and (B) the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation;
- (4) the applicant will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by or for the State educational agency, the Secretary, or other Federal officials;
- (5) the applicant will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the applicant under each such program;
- (6) the applicant will— (A) submit such reports to the State educational agency (which shall make the reports available to the Governor) and the Secretary as the State educational agency and Secretary may require to enable the State educational agency and the Secretary to perform their duties under each such program; and (B) maintain such records, provide such information, and afford such access to the records as the State educational agency (after consultation with the Governor) or the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out the State educational agency's or the Secretary's duties; and
- (7) before the application was submitted, the applicant afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and considered such comment.
- (8) the applicant will comply with the provisions of Section 427 of GEPA, enacted as part of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-382).

Agency Name: Thomasville City Schools

I HEREBY CERTIFY that to the best of my knowledge, the agency complies with aforementioned assurances; the agency named above has authorized me as its representative to file this application; and such action is recorded in the minutes of the agency's meeting held on _____. (Month/Day/Year)

Printed Name of Superintendent

Signature of Superintendent

Date