



**REPUBLIC OF PALAU**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**BUREAU OF EDUCATION**

**ASSURANCE REQUIRED OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU**  
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The Republic of Palau (ROP), hereby assures that it will, notwithstanding any other provision in Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part B of Act), use Part B funds only for the direct provision of special education and related services to children with disabilities and to enhance its capacity to make a free appropriate public education (FAPE) available to all children with disabilities.

The ROP Maintenance of State Financial Support (MSFS) Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) was developed and implemented effective May 2, 2011, to address the requirements in 34 CFR §300.163, Maintenance of State Financial Support, for ROP's IDEA Part B Grant. The effective date re-establishes the effort made by ROP to make available State funds, known as National funds, for children and youth with IEPs.

Consistent with 34 CFR §300.163, ROP has verified its State financial support, and based on the definition, does not make available National funds for special education and related services. In previous years, ROP's reported State financial support was based on a calculation not consistent with 34 CFR §300.163. It is therefore important to note that ROP has never made available any National funds for special education and related services.

**STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO ENSURE FAPE**

The Republic of Palau certifies that the IDEA Part B funds provide for the special education and related services for all eligible children with disabilities, and that ROP does not make available National funds for special education and related services. Further, ROP assures that all eligible children with disabilities are provided FAPE solely with IDEA Part B funds.

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