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Dear Ms. Goya:

On September 26-28, 2016, a team from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) (the Department) conducted an onsite monitoring of the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission's (SPCSC) implementation of its approved Preschool Development Grant (PDG). This monitoring aims to continue the collaborative relationship that began at the grant award and development of the scope of work. It provides the Department with a deeper understanding of each State's overall performance; the successes, challenges, and strategies for the implementation of its plans for its PDG Development grant; and the fiscal management of the grant funds. It also helps us tailor technical assistance to each State's specific needs.

The site visit included presentations and discussions related to all projects in the approved scope of work, including grants management, high-quality preschool programs, early learning standards, comprehensive services, workforce development, and sustainability. During the visit, ED project officers visited the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission and several Preschool classrooms located in two high-need communities: Waianae, County of Honolulu, and Hawaii County on the island of Hawaii.

Enclosed is a summary report based upon this review. The report includes highlights of Hawaii's implementation of PDG and a snapshot of Hawaii's progress under each PDG key area. This report will be posted on the PDG website. The report includes "next steps" to ensure that Hawaii implements PDG consistent with its approved application, scope of work, and timelines identified in its project plans.

We want to thank you and your staff for your cooperation and hospitality during the site visit, and for your efforts in providing high quality preschool opportunities through the Preschool Development Grant. We hope you will continue to communicate any needs or concerns to your ED project officer(s).

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We look forward to continuing our work with you and supporting Hawaii's technical assistance needs to ensure successful implementation of PDG. Thank you for your commitment to Hawaii's youngest children.

Sincerely

/s/

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