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The Honorable Katy Anthes
Commissioner of Education
Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue, Room 500
Denver, CO 80203-1799

Dear Superintendent Anthes:

This letter addresses the removal of the condition that the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) placed on Colorado's fiscal year (FY) 2019 Title I, Part A grant award.

The condition related to the participation rate of students taking science assessments using alternate assessments of alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS) administered in the State in the 2017-2018 school year (see <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/stateletters/1percentconsequenceco.pdf>). Colorado demonstrated that, for the 2018-2019 school year, it assessed fewer than 1.0 percent of all students in science with an AA-AAAS, in compliance with section 1111(b)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This fulfills the terms of this condition on Colorado's FY 2019 Title I, Part A grant. As a result, the Department is removing this condition.

Thank you for your efforts in addressing the science assessment condition. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact my staff at ESEA.Assessment@ed.gov. The Department looks forward to continuing our work with you to support the educational needs of all students in Colorado.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary
for Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: Joyce Zurkowski, Director of Assessment