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The Honorable Elsie Arntzen
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Montana Office of Public Instruction
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Dear Superintendent Arntzen:

In the letter approving Montana's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated August 5, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Montana's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Montana amend its ARP ESSER State plan to describe, in section D of its State plan, the evidence-based interventions it will implement using the funds it reserves under section 2001(f) of the ARP Act.

On September 27, 2021, Montana submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan addressing the conditions by describing the evidence-based interventions it will implement to address: (1) the academic impact of lost instructional time, (2) summer learning and enrichment programs, and (3) comprehensive afterschool programs and how the interventions it identified will address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain groups of students. As a result, I am removing the condition from Montana's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website [here](#).

Thank you for your efforts, and the efforts of your staff, to implement the ARP ESSER program and to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, educators, and staff during the pandemic. We look forward to continuing our work with you to support the education of students in Montana. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: Montana.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Lane".

James F. Lane, Ed. D
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