May 23, 2022

The Honorable Jhone Ebert
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Nevada Department of Education
700 East Fifth Street
Carson City, NV 89701-5096

Dear Superintendent Ebert:

In the letter approving Nevada’s American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated September 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed a condition on Nevada’s ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Nevada amends 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 January 10, 2022, Nevada 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 Nevada’s ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website here.

In its resubmission Nevada indicated that, due to timing and capacity constraints, it did not implement summer learning and enrichment opportunities as described in section D.2.i. of its approved State plan. Nevada indicated that it is still in the process of determining the use of funds under this section. As a result, once Nevada has identified the summer learning and enrichment activities it will implement using funds it reserves under section 2001(f)(2) of the ARP Act, Nevada must amend section D.2 of its State plan and submit it to the Department for approval.

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 Nevada. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: Nevada.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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