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The Honorable Jhone Ebert
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Nevada Department of Education
700 E. Fifth Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Superintendent Ebert:

I am writing in response to Nevada's request on April 22, 2022, to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), using the COVID-19 State Plan Addendum (Addendum). Nevada requested these amendments to account for short-term changes in school year 2021-2022 due to extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the waivers the Department granted Nevada from the accountability requirements of the ESEA for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years and the assessment requirements for the 2019-2020 school year.

Specifically, Nevada requested the amendments to:

- Shift forward long-term goals for academic achievement, graduation rate, and progress in achieving English language proficiency by two years.
- Calculate a summative index score for each school but not assign star ratings to its schools when implementing its system of annual meaningful differentiation.
- Identify schools for targeted support and improvement due to consistently underperforming subgroups in fall 2022 based on data from the 2018-2019 and 2021-2022 school years.
- Omit school years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 when determining whether a school has met the statewide exit criteria for comprehensive or additional targeted support and improvement.

I am approving Nevada's changes to its ESEA consolidated State plan. This letter and Nevada's approved Addendum for the 2021-2022 school year will be posted on the Department's website along with the currently approved version of Nevada's ESEA consolidated State plan (available at: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/essa-consolidated-state-plans/>). Because I am approving changes through the Addendum that are not limited to the 2021-2022 school year (e.g., shifted timeline for long-term goals), the State must submit an updated ESEA consolidated State plan that incorporates those approved changes at a later date.

Please be aware that approval of this amendment to Nevada's consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the amended State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with

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Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Nevada's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

I know that you are doing all in your power to support your districts and schools to ensure the health and well-being of students and educators. Thank you for your dedication to this effort. If you have any questions, please contact my staff at OESE.TitleI-a@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

James F. Lane, Ed.D.
Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary
Delegated the Authority to Perform the
Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary
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cc: Jonathan Moore, Nevada Department of Education