

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WASHINGTON, DC 20202

May 2, 2022

The Honorable Jill Underly Superintendent of Public Instruction Wisconsin State Department of Education 125 S. Webster Street Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Dear Superintendent Underly,

In the letter approving Wisconsin's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated December 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Wisconsin's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Wisconsin amend its ARP ESSER State Plan, section D.1, to describe how the funds will be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on certain subgroups of students as required by the ARP Act. Further, the conditions required Wisconsin to amend its plan to describe how it solicited and incorporated public input in determining how the funds would be used, as required in section C.1.

On February 8, 2022, Wisconsin submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan addressing the conditions by describing additional consultation with stakeholders and revising its plan for the use of funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on certain subgroups of students. As a result, I am removing the conditions from Wisconsin's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website here.

Additionally, Wisconsin updated section D.4 of its ARP ESSER plan to reflect that it will now reserve funds for emergency needs as determined by the State.

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

Sincerely,

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