

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WASHINGTON, DC 20202

June 9, 2022

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

Dear Commissioner Anthes:

In the letter approving Colorado's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated November 4, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Colorado's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Colorado 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 March 28, 2022, Colorado 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 Colorado'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 Colorado. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: <u>Colorado.OESE@ed.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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