

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION WASHINGTON, DC 20202

June 2, 2022

The Honorable Katie Jenner Secretary of Education Indiana Department of Education South Tower, Suite 600 115 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Superintendent Jenner:

In the letter approving Indiana's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated August 12, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Indiana's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Indiana 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 15, 2021, Indiana 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 Indiana's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website <u>here</u>.

Additionally, the Department notes that Indiana updated sections A.1, and A.2 of its plan describing its effective strategies and priorities in responding to the pandemic and section D.4 to describe additional interventions that are under consideration.

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

Sincerely,

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