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Dear Mr. Coltrane:

On September 29, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education's (the Department's) Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) notified the Office of the North Carolina Governor (NCOG) of the NCOG's selection for a targeted monitoring review of its administration of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) funds. The attached report contains a brief description of the scope of the performance review, and provides synopses of the results for each performance area.

The report rates implementation of each performance area based on four levels:

- "Met Requirements with Commendation" represents high quality implementation where the grantee is exceeding expectations;
- "Met Requirements" indicates that work is of an acceptable quality, and no instances of noncompliance were identified;
- "Met Requirements with Recommendations" indicates there are quality implementation concerns and some improvements could be made to ensure the grantee continues to meet expectations; and
- "Action Required" indicates that there are significant compliance or quality concerns that require urgent attention by the grantee and will be revisited until the State has remedied the issue. For items listed as "Action Required", the report would outline the current practice, the nature of noncompliance, and the required action.

Our review of NCOG had one section meeting the level of Action Required, Cash Management and Payment Systems, but we do not require additional corrective actions. We found that NCOG is now fully aware of the cash management requirements attached to GEER funds, and have policies and procedures in place that should, if followed, ensure that NCOG is in compliance with cash management requirements for GEER funds going forward.

We would like to thank you and your team for your hard work and assistance before and during the review. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to address the needs of students and families in North Carolina.

If you have any questions regarding the performance review report, please do not hesitate to contact Jed Sorokin-Altmann at [jed.sorokin-altmann@ed.gov](mailto:jed.sorokin-altmann@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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