



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

September 2, 2022

The Honorable Jeffrey Riley
Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
75 Pleasant Street
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Dear Commissioner Riley:

In the letter approving Massachusetts's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated July 15, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Massachusetts's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Massachusetts 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 August 4, 2022, Massachusetts submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan that responds to these 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 conditions from Massachusetts'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 Massachusetts. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: Massachusetts.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Lane".

James F. Lane, Ed. D
Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary
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