

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Honorable Kathy Hoffman Arizona Department of Education 1535 West Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Hoffman:

In the October 7, 2021, letter approving Arizona's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Arizona's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Arizona 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 September 30, 2022, Arizona 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 Arizona'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 and your staff's efforts to implement the ARP ESSER program and to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and educators. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: Arizona.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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