



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Honorable Tony Thurmond
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Dear Superintendent Thurmond:

On January 27, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education’s (the Department’s) Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE) notified the California Department of Education (CDE) of CDE’s selection for a targeted monitoring review of its administration of Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) programs including the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) authorized under the CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Acts, frequently referenced as ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER. The attached report contains a brief description of the scope of the performance review, and provides synopses of the results for each performance area.

As a result of this review, the Department transmitted a monitoring report to CDE via email on September 21, 2022. There was one “Action Required” item (finding) identified in this report (in the Internal Controls section). CDE provided documentation on November 16, 2022 to address this finding. Additionally, representatives from OESE met with CDE on October 12, 2022 to discuss the corrective action necessary to resolve this finding.

See the table below for a summary of the information provided:

Action Required	Summary of documentation submitted	Further action required?	Status
Internal Controls	In an email to the Department on November 16, 2022, CDE provided its “Department of Education’s Administrative Manual” (DEAM), Section 2910, outlining the role of CDE’s External Audit Response	No further action required.	Resolved & closed.

	Coordinator. Additionally, in its email, CDE made several commitments, including to continue its consistent communication with the California State Auditor’s Office (CSAO), continuing to meet or exceed all reasonably established audit deadlines set by CSAO, and continuing to close its records and submit reports to the State Controller’s Office (SCO) in a timely manner.		
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Based on a review of the documentation provided, the Department considers the finding from this monitoring report to be resolved and closed.

We would like to thank you and your team for your hard work and assistance related to this review. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to address the needs of students and families in California.

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.

Sincerely,

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