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The Honorable Kim S. Benton, Ed.D.  
Interim State Superintendent of Education  
Mississippi State Department of Education  
Post Office Box 771  
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Dear Dr. Benton:

In the December 30, 2021, letter approving Mississippi's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed conditions on Mississippi's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Mississippi 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 October 4, 2022, Mississippi 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 Mississippi'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. We look forward to continuing our work with you to support the education of students in Mississippi. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: [Mississippi.OESE@ed.gov](mailto:Mississippi.OESE@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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