



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

March 17, 2023

The Honorable Pender Makin
Commissioner
Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Commissioner Makin:

In its September 13, 2021, letter approving Maine's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed certain conditions on Maine's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Maine amend its ARP ESSER State plan to describe, in section D, the evidence-based interventions it will implement using the funds it reserves under section 2001(f) of the ARP Act.

On December 5, 2022, Maine submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan that responded to these conditions by describing the evidence-based interventions it will implement to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, summer learning and enrichment programs, and comprehensive afterschool programs, and how these interventions will address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain groups of students. As a result, I am removing the conditions from Maine's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and Maine's updated ARP 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. We look forward to continuing our work with you to support the education of students in Maine. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: Maine.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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