

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

April 11, 2023

The Honorable Deborah A. Frison Deputy Commissioner Nebraska Department of Education 500 S. 84th St., 2nd Floor Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Deputy Commissioner Frison:

In the October 14, 2021, letter approving Nebraska'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 Nebraska's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Nebraska 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)(1) of the ARP Act.

On January 5, 2023, Nebraska 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 Nebraska's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website, <u>here</u>.

Thank you for your efforts, and the efforts of your staff, to implement the ARP ESSER program and to address the academic and mental health needs of students, educators, and staff. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: <u>Nebraska.OESE@ed.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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