

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Honorable Charlene Russell-Tucker Commissioner of Education Connecticut State Department of Education 450 Columbus Boulevard Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner Russell-Tucker:

In the August 27, 2021, letter approving Connecticut'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 Connecticut's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Connecticut amend its ARP ESSER State plan to describe, in section D, the evidence-based interventions it will implement using the funds it reserved under section 2001(f) of the ARP Act.

On June 15, 2023, Connecticut 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 Connecticut'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 efforts 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>Connecticut.OESE@ed.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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