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The Honorable Heather Bouchey  
Interim Secretary of Education  
Vermont Agency of Education  
1 National Life Drive, Davis 5  
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Dear Interim Secretary Bouchey:

In the December 30, 2021, letter approving Vermont'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 Vermont's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that Vermont 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 August 14, 2023, Vermont 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 Vermont's ARP ESSER grant. This letter, as well as 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 address the academic and mental health needs of students, educators, and staff during the pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at [Vermont.OESE@ed.gov](mailto:Vermont.OESE@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

Adam Schott  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs  
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