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The Honorable Catherine Truitt
Superintendent of Public Instruction
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
6301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6301

Dear Superintendent Truitt:

In the September 13, 2021, letter approving North Carolina'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 North Carolina's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that North Carolina 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), (2), and (3) of the ARP Act.

On June 16, 2023, North Carolina 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 North Carolina's ARP ESSER grant. In addition, North Carolina made various other changes to its plan, including updates to its description of how it engaged in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and to its description of student needs. 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 to 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: North.Carolina.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

James F. Lane, Ed. D.
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