



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

April 5, 2013

Superintendent Maurice O. Green
Guilford County Schools
712 North Eugene Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Dear Superintendent Green:

I am writing in response to Guilford County School's Race to the Top-District amendment request. Starting February 27, 2013 Guilford County Schools submitted documentation to and held conversations with the U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff in the Implementation and Support Unit (ISU) to support the amendment request. On March 27, 2013, the Department provided the "Scope of Work Grant Amendment Submission Process" document to grantee Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) indicating the process by which amendments would be reviewed and approved or denied during the Race to the Top- District scope of work review process. To determine whether approval could be granted, the Department has applied the conditions noted in the document, and compared it with the Race to the Top - District *Principles*, which are also included in that document.

I approve the following amendments:

Guilford County Schools, in its Race to the Top-District application, committed to enhancing services in its high-needs schools and rigorously evaluating the project using a random assignment methodology. With this in mind, the Guilford County Board of Education requested to amend its plan and include in its scope of work an additional two high-needs schools to Phase I of the Personalized Achievement, Curriculum and Environment (PACE) project, for a total of 18 schools. All other schools participating in the project remain randomly selected. Adding two Phase I schools will increase the number of students served in Year 1 by approximately 2,650. The total number of participating schools will not change over the course of the grant period. As a result of this shift, the LEA will move \$729,030.84 of Race to the Top-District funds from Year 4 to Year 1 and contribute \$729,030.84 in local LEA funds in Year 4 of the grant.

It is our understanding that this amendment will not result in a change in your LEA's performance measures and outcomes, nor will it substantially change the scope and objectives

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of the work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website as a record of the amendment.

If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top-District, please do not hesitate to contact Guilford County School's Race to the Top-District Program Officer, Patrick Carr, at 202-708-8196 or patrick.carr@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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