UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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January 30, 2015

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Dear Mr. Botticelli:

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1704(d)), enclosed please find a detailed accounting of all fiscal year 2014 Department of Education drug control funds, along with the Department of Education Assistant Inspector General's authentication of this accounting, consistent with the instructions in ONDCP Circular *Accounting of Drug Control Funding and Performance Summary*, dated January 18, 2013.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this information.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Skelly
Director, Budget Service

Enclosure # 1: *Department of Education Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2014 Drug Control Funds*, dated January 26, 2015

Enclosure # 2: Authentication letter and report from Patrick J. Howard, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, dated January 29, 2015

cc: Patrick J. Howard

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF
## FISCAL YEAR 2014 DRUG CONTROL FUNDS

IN SUPPORT OF THE

*NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL STRATEGY*

AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 705(d) OF THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

(21 U.S.C. 1704(d))

**JANUARY 26, 2015**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF FISCAL YEAR 2014 DRUG CONTROL FUNDS**

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Ms. Kathleen Tighe
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Dear Ms. Tighe:

As required by section 705(d) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1704(d)), enclosed please find a detailed accounting of all fiscal year 2014 Department of Education drug control funds for your authentication, in accordance with the guidelines in ONDCP Circular *Accounting of Drug Control Funding and Performance Summary*, dated January 18, 2013.

Consistent with the instructions in the ONDCP Circular, please provide your authentication to me in writing, and I will transmit it to ONDCP along with the enclosed accounting of funds. As you know, ONDCP requests these documents by February 1, 2015, if possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the enclosed information.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Skelly
Director, Budget Service

## TABLE OF PRIOR-YEAR DRUG CONTROL OBLIGATIONS

| | Fiscal Year 2014 Obligations (in $ millions) |
|---|---|
| Drug Resources by Function | |
| Prevention | $51.476 |
| Total | 51.476 |
| | |
| Drug Resources by Decision Unit | |
| Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program | |
| SDFSC National Programs | $51.476 |
| Total | 51.476 |

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The programs funded under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Act comprise the only Department of Education programs included in the national drug control budget in fiscal year 2014. The SDFSC program provides funding for drug prevention programs and activities that support the *National Drug Control Strategy,* in addition to efforts designed to prevent school violence. Under the SDFSC Act, funds are authorized to be appropriated for State Grants and for National Programs. However, no SDFSC State Grant funds have been appropriated to, or obligated by, the Department since fiscal year 2010. Accordingly, the entirety of this drug control accounting report for fiscal year 2014 corresponds to SDFSC National Programs funds.

### SDFSC National Programs

SDFSC National Programs authorizes funding for several programs and activities to help promote safe and drug-free learning environments for students and address the needs of troubled or at-risk youth. In fiscal year 2014 the Department obligated all SDFSC National Programs funds under SDFSC Federal Activities, which is a broad discretionary authority that permits the Secretary to carry out a wide variety of activities designed to prevent the illegal use of drugs and violence among, and promote safety and discipline for, students. Within Federal Activities, SDFSC National Programs authorizes, in addition to activities that include drug prevention: (1) Project SERV (School Emergency Response to Violence), which is a crisis response program that provides education-related services to LEAs and institutions of higher education (IHEs) in which the learning environment has been disrupted due to a violent or traumatic crisis); (2) Project Prevent, a new initiative of grants to LEAs begun in FY 2014 to help schools in communities with pervasive violence break the cycle of violence; and (3) School Emergency Management Activities, such as the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, which supports schools, school districts, and IHEs in the development of high-quality emergency operations plans and comprehensive emergency management planning efforts. Although the Department obligated funds for all three of these activities in fiscal year 2014, as explained in the discussion of drug budget methodology below, funds for these three components of SDFSC National Programs are not included in the ONDCP drug budget and, therefore, they are not included in this obligations report.

## DISCLOSURES

### Drug Methodology

This accounting submission includes all fiscal year 2014 obligations of funds under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Act, with the exception of those SDFSC National Programs that have no clear drug control nexus. Accordingly, the amounts in the enclosed table of prior-year drug control obligations include all funding for SDFSC National Programs, with the exclusion of obligations of funds for (1) Project SERV; (2) Project Prevent; and (3) School Emergency Management Activities.

Obligations by Drug Control Function

All obligations of funds for the SDFSC program shown in the table on page 2 of this report fall under the ONDCP drug control function category of prevention — the same functional category under which the budgetary resources for the SDFSC program are displayed for the Department of Education in the annual *National Drug Control Budget and Performance Summary* issued by ONDCP that accompanies the President's budget and the *National Drug Control Strategy*.

Obligations by Budget Decision Unit

All obligations of drug control funds in the table on page 2 of this report are displayed using the SDFSC program as the budget decision unit — the same decision unit under which the 2014 budgetary resources for the Department of Education are displayed by ONDCP in the *FY 2015 Budget and Performance Summary* that accompanied the 2015 President's budget in support of the *National Drug Control Strategy*.

### Methodology Modifications

The Department does not have any drug control budget methodological modifications to disclose.

### Material Weaknesses or Other Findings

The Department does not have any material weaknesses to disclose that affect the presentation of fiscal year 2014 drug-related obligations in this report. All other known weaknesses that affect the presentation of drug-related obligations in this report are explained in the disclosures below.

### Reprogrammings or Transfers

There were no reprogrammings or transfers of drug-related budgetary resources in the Department of Education in fiscal year 2014.

### Other Disclosures

The Department acknowledges the following limitation in the methodology described above for deriving the obligations of fiscal year 2014 drug control funds attributable to the SDFSC program: Although the budgetary resources in this report include 100 percent of obligations for SDFSC Federal Activities (exclusive of Project SERV, Project Prevent, and School Emergency Management Activities), not all obligations of funds included in the resource summary of this

report support drug prevention activities — some of these funds support violence prevention and school safety activities that have no drug control-related nexus.

## ASSERTIONS

### Obligations by Decision Unit

The fiscal year 2014 obligations of drug control funds shown in this report for the SDFSC drug budget decision unit are the actual 2014 obligations of funds from the Department's accounting system of record for the SDFSC program.

### Drug Methodology

The methodology used to calculate the fiscal year 2014 obligations of drug prevention funds presented in this report is reasonable and accurate, because: (1) the methodology captures all of the obligations of funds under the SDFSC program that reasonably have a drug control-related nexus, and (2) these obligations of funds correspond directly to the display of resources for the SDFSC program in the Department's budget justifications to Congress that accompany the President's budget.

#### Data

No workload or other statistical information was applied in the methodology used to generate the fiscal year 2014 obligations of drug control funds presented in the table on page 2 of this report.

#### Other Estimation Methods

Where assumptions based on professional judgment were used as part of the drug methodology, the association between these assumptions and the drug control obligations being estimated is thoroughly explained and documented in the drug methodology disclosure on page 3 and in the other disclosures on page 4 of this accounting report.

#### Financial Systems

Financial systems supporting the drug methodology yield data that fairly present, in all material respects, aggregate obligations from which the drug-related obligation estimates are derived.

### Application of Drug Methodology

The methodology disclosed in the narrative of this report was the actual methodology used to generate the fiscal year 2014 obligations of drug control funds presented in the table on page 2.

### Reprogrammings or Transfers

There were no reprogrammings or transfers of Department of Education drug control funds in fiscal year 2014. However, subsequent to ONDCP's approval of the Department's fiscal year 2014 financial plan, the Department reallocated various funds across activities within SDFSC National Programs. As a result of these reallocations the Department's drug control budgetary resources increased by $12 million, from $39.5 million (as estimated in the financial plan) to the final amount of $51.5 million.

## Fund Control Notices

The Director of ONDCP has never issued to the Department of Education any Fund Control Notices under 21 U.S.C. 1703(f) or the applicable ONDCP Circular, *Budget Execution*. Therefore, the required assertion that the data presented in this report accurately reflect obligations of drug control funds that comply with all such Fund Control Notices is not applicable.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

AUDIT SERVICES

January 29, 2015

TO: Thomas P. Skelly
Director, Budget Service
Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development

FROM: Patrick J. Howard /s/
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

SUBJECT: Office of Inspector General's Independent Report on the U.S. Department of Education's *Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2014 Drug Control Funds*, dated January 26, 2015

Attached is our authentication of management's assertions contained in the U.S. Department of Education's *Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2014 Drug Control Funds*, dated January 26, 2015, as required by section 705(d) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. § 1704(d)).

Our authentication was conducted in accordance with the guidelines stated in the Office of National Drug Control Policy Circular: *Accounting of Drug Control Funding and Performance Summary*, dated January 18, 2013.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the contents of this authentication, please contact Michele Weaver-Dugan, Director, Operations Internal Audit Team, at (202) 245-6941.

Attachment

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

AUDIT SERVICES

Office of Inspector General's Independent Report on the U.S. Department of Education's *Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2014 Drug Control Funds*, dated January 26, 2015

We have reviewed management's assertions contained in the accompanying *Detailed Accounting of Fiscal Year 2014 Drug Control Funds,* dated January 26, 2015 (Accounting). The U.S. Department of Education's management is responsible for the Accounting and the assertions contained therein.

Our review was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards for attestation review engagements. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We performed review procedures on the "Table of Prior Year Drug Control Obligations," "Disclosures," and "Assertions" contained in the accompanying Accounting. We did not review the "Program Descriptions" contained in the accompanying Accounting. In general, our review procedures were limited to inquiries and analytical procedures appropriate for our review engagement.

Based on our review, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that management's assertions, contained in the accompanying Accounting, are not fairly stated in all material respects, based upon the Office of National Drug Control Policy Circular: *Accounting of Drug Control Funding and Performance Summary*, dated January 18, 2013.

Patrick J. Howard /s/
Assistant Inspector General for Audit