December 15, 2017

The Honorable Brian H. Whiston
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Michigan Department of Education
608 W. Allegan Street
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Superintendent Whiston:

I am writing in response to Michigan’s request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on December 7, 2017 to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Under ESEA Section 1111(a)(6)(B)(i), if a State makes any significant changes to its plan at any time, such information shall be submitted to the Secretary in the form of revisions and amendments to the State plan.

I have determined that the amended request meets the requirements in the ESEA and, for this reason, I am approving Michigan’s amended State plan. A summary of Michigan’s amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as Michigan’s revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department’s website. Any further requests to amend Michigan’s ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of Michigan’s consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Michigan’s responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for all of the work that the Michigan Department of Education has put into your consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you need any assistance regarding the
implementation of your ESEA consolidated State plan, please contact Tahira Rashid of my staff at: OSS.Michigan@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jason Botel
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Delegated the Authority to Perform
the Functions and Duties of the
Assistant Secretary of Elementary and
Secondary Education

Enclosure

cc: Venessa Keesler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports
    Alisande Shrewsberry, Special Assistant to the Superintendent
Amendment to the Michigan Consolidated State Plan
The following is a summary of Michigan’s amendment request. Please refer to the Department’s website https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/mi.html for Michigan’s complete consolidated State plan.

- Establishment of Long-Term Goals (ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A))
  
  a. Academic Achievement. (ESEA section 1111(c)(4)(A)(i)(l)aa))

  Michigan stipulates that subgroups already meeting long-term goals must improve current performance, both in measures of interim progress and long-term goals.