



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

June 14, 2018

The Honorable Brenda Cassellius
Commissioner of Education
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113

Dear Commissioner Cassellius:

I am writing in response to Minnesota's request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on May 11, 2018, 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 Minnesota's amended State plan. A summary of Minnesota's amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as Minnesota's revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department's website. Any further requests to amend Minnesota's ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of this amendment to Minnesota's consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the amended 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 Minnesota's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for all of the work that the Minnesota Department of Education has put into its 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.Minnesota@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

Enclosure

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cc: Stephanie Graff, Chief Accountability Officer

Amendment to the Minnesota Consolidated State Plan

The following is a summary of Minnesota’s amendment request. Please refer to the U.S Department of Education’s website <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/mn.html> for Minnesota’s complete consolidated State plan.

- Additional Targeted Support (ESEA section 1111(d)(2)(C)-(D))
Minnesota is revising the State’s methodology for identifying schools for additional targeted support so that each student group will be compared against the threshold used to define the bottom quarter of each indicator (or the bottom half of the graduation rate indicators) when comprehensive support and improvement schools were identified.