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OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Honorable Kirsten Baesler
State Superintendent
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 201
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Superintendent Baesler:

I am writing in response to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's (NDDPI) requests on September 24, 2018, and December 12, 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 its State plan.

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

Please be aware that approval of North Dakota'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 North Dakota's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Please note the submission of the approved amendment to the consolidated State plan also fulfills the terms of the condition the Department placed on North Dakota's FYs 2018 Title I, Part A grant. As a result of the approval of this amendment, the condition is removed.

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Thank you for all of the work that NDDPI 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 Megan Oberst of my staff at: OSS.NorthDakota@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary
for Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent, NDDPI

Amendment to the North Dakota Consolidated State Plan

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

- Disproportionate Rates of Access to Educators (ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B))

North Dakota amended its plan to describe how low-income and minority children enrolled in schools assisted under Title I, Part A of the ESEA are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective teachers.