



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

June 18, 2018

The Honorable Donald Kirkegaard
Secretary of Education
South Dakota Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Secretary Kirkegaard:

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

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

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Thank you for all of the work that the South Dakota 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 Tanesha Hembrey of my staff at: OSS.SouthDakota@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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

cc: Ann Larsen, Title I Director, South Dakota Department of Education

Amendment to the South Dakota Consolidated State Plan

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

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

South 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.