July 12, 2019

The Honorable Steven L. Paine, Ed.D
State Superintendent of Schools
West Virginia Department of Education
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Superintendent Paine:

I am writing in response to West Virginia’s requests to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) on February 28, 2019 and May 9, 2019, 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 requests meet the requirements in the ESEA and, for this reason, I am approving West Virginia’s amended State plan. A summary of the West Virginia amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as West Virginia’s revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department’s website. Any further requests to amend West Virginia’s ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of this amendment to West Virginia’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 West Virginia’s responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for all of the work that the West Virginia Department of Education has put into its consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you have questions or need any assistance regarding
the implementation of your ESEA consolidated State plan, please contact the Office of School Support and Accountability at: WestVirginia.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary for
Elementary and Secondary Education

Enclosure

cc: Melanie Purkey
Amendment to the West Virginia’s Consolidated State Plan
The following is a summary of West Virginia’s amendment request. Please refer to the U.S. Department’s website https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/wv.html for West Virginia’s complete consolidated State plan.

Approved Amendments
The following amendments are aligned with the statute and regulations:

Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)

- **TSI-Additional Targeted**
  West Virginia amended its plan to clarify that any school not currently identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) with one or more subgroups performing as poorly as the highest-performing school identified for CSI will be identified for additional targeted support and improvement.

- **Other Academic Indicator:**
  West Virginia amended its Other Academic Indicator to use its summative assessment, rather than interim assessments, to measure individual student growth. West Virginia provided a table that describes how it will calculate student growth for each student.