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Dear Director Fuddy:

Thank you for the timely submission of Hawaii's Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2010 Annual Performance Report (APR) and revised State Performance Plan (SPP) under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Department has determined that, under IDEA sections 616(d)(2)(A)(i) and 642, Hawaii meets the requirements of Part C of IDEA. The Department's determination is based on the totality of the State's data and information, including the State's FFY 2010 APR and revised SPP (including targets and improvement activities for each year through FFY 2012), other State-reported data, and other publicly available information. See the enclosure entitled "How the Department Made Determinations under Section 616(d) and 642 of the IDEA in 2012: Part C" for further details.

Specific factors affecting the determination made by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) that Hawaii meets requirements under IDEA sections 616(d) and 642 include that: (1) Hawaii provided valid and reliable FFY 2010 data reflecting the measurement for each indicator; and (2) Hawaii reported high levels of compliance or correction of previously identified findings of noncompliance for Indicators 1, 7, 8A, 8B, 8C, 9, 10, 11, and 14. We commend Hawaii for its performance.

The enclosed table provides OSEP's analysis of the State's FFY 2010 APR and revised SPP and identifies, by indicator, OSEP's review of any revisions the State made to its targets, improvement activities (timelines and resources) and baseline data in the State's SPP. The table also identifies, by indicator: (1) the State's reported FFY 2010 data; (2) whether such data met the State's FFY 2010 targets and reflect progress or slippage from the prior year's data; and (3) whether the State corrected findings of noncompliance.

As you know, pursuant to IDEA sections 616(b)(2)(C)(ii)(I) and 642, State lead agencies must report annually to the public on the performance of each early intervention services program (EIS program) located in the State on the targets in the SPP. Pursuant to 34 CFR §303.702(b)(1)(A) in the final Part C regulations published on September 28, 2011, beginning with its reporting on the FFY 2011 performance of the EIS programs in 2013, States must report to the public by June 1. Because your jurisdiction is a unitary entity (i.e., the State lead agency is the only EIS program) you may meet this public reporting requirement by posting your FFY 2010 APR on Hawaii's Web site and making it available to the public, consistent with IDEA sections 616(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I) and 642. For further information regarding these requirements, see "The Right IDEA" Web site at:

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<http://therightidea.tadnet.org/determinations>. Finally, please ensure that your updated SPP is posted on Hawaii's Web site and made available to the public, consistent with IDEA sections 616(d)(2)(C)(ii)(I) and 642.

OSEP is committed to supporting Hawaii's efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities and looks forward to working with your State over the next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please contact Debra Jennings, your OSEP State Contact, at 202-245-7389.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melody Musgrove", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melody Musgrove, Ed.D.
Director
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Enclosures

cc: Part C Coordinator