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Honorable Lorenzo Gonzalez Feliciano
Secretary
Puerto Rico Department of Health
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Dear Secretary Gonzalez Feliciano:

Thank you for the timely submission of Puerto Rico'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, Puerto Rico meets the requirements of Part C of IDEA. The Department's determination is based on the totality of the Commonwealth's data and information, including the Commonwealth's FFY 2010 APR and revised SPP (including targets and improvement activities for each year through FFY 2012), other Commonwealth-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 Puerto Rico meets requirements under IDEA sections 616(d) and 642 include that: (1) Puerto Rico provided valid and reliable FFY 2009 data reflecting the measurement for each indicator; and (2) Puerto Rico 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 Puerto Rico for its performance.

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

As you know, pursuant to IDEA sections 616(b)(2)(C)(ii)(I) and 642, your Commonwealth must report annually to the public on the performance of each early intervention services program (EIS program) located in the Commonwealth 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 EIS programs in 2013, the Commonwealth must report to the public by June 1. OSEP encourages the Commonwealth to complete its reporting on the FFY 2010 performance of EIS programs as soon as practicable, if it has not already done so. In addition, your Commonwealth must: (1) review EIS program performance against targets in the Commonwealth's SPP; (2) determine if each EIS program "meets requirements" of Part C, or "needs assistance," "needs intervention," or "needs

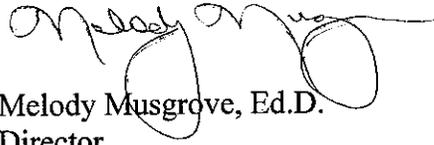
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substantial intervention" in implementing Part C of the IDEA; (3) take appropriate enforcement action; and (4) inform each EIS program of its determination. For further information regarding these requirements, see "The Right IDEA" website at: <http://therightidea.tadnet.org/determinations>. Finally, please ensure that your updated SPP is posted on the Commonwealth lead agency'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 Puerto Rico's efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities and looks forward to working with your Commonwealth over the next year. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please contact Diana Yu, your OSEP State Contact, at 202-245-6061.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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