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THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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The Honorable Terry Holliday  
Kentucky Department of Education  
500 Mero Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner *Terry* Holliday:

Thank you for submitting Kentucky's "ESEA Flexibility Accountability Addendum" (Accountability Addendum) for review. I appreciate the efforts that were required to prepare the Accountability Addendum, which replaces Kentucky's existing accountability workbook under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). In conjunction with Kentucky's approved ESEA flexibility request, the Accountability Addendum provides comprehensive information regarding the elements of Kentucky's system of differentiated recognition, accountability and support.

U.S. Department of Education (ED) staff have completed a review of Kentucky's Accountability Addendum, submitted on August 21, 2013, and found that it provides the requisite information. Accordingly, I am pleased to approve Kentucky's Accountability Addendum, which we will post on ED's website. If, over time, Kentucky makes changes to its accountability system that affect what is included in the Accountability Addendum, you must submit information about those changes to ED for approval.

Please be aware that approval of Kentucky's Accountability Addendum does not indicate that it complies 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.

I want to thank you and your staff for the work you have undertaken to address the items in the Accountability Addendum. If you have any questions or if my staff can provide you additional support, please feel free to reach out to your ESEA flexibility contact.

I look forward to continuing our work with you as you implement your ESEA flexibility request. Thank you for your commitment to Kentucky's children.

Sincerely,

Deborah S. Delisle

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