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Mr. Robert Scott  
Commissioner of Education  
Texas Education Agency  
William B. Travis Building  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78701-1494

Dear Commissioner Scott:

The Education Jobs Fund (Ed Jobs) program, which was enacted into law on August 10, 2010, provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) to enable them to recall or rehire former employees, retain existing employees, and hire new employees to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services. The Ed Jobs statute (Public Law No. 111-226) gave the Governor of each State an opportunity to apply for the State's Ed Jobs allocation by September 9, 2010.

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) did not receive an approvable application from Texas prior to the application deadline. Thus, we cannot award Ed Jobs funds to Texas at this time. However, we remain committed to making these funds available to the schools and students in your State. The Department may award Ed Jobs funds to the Texas Educational Agency (TEA) under the alternative distribution method authorized in section 101(8) of Public Law 111-226, upon receipt of an approvable application from the TEA.

Accompanying this letter is the application by which TEA applies for Ed Jobs funding. Also enclosed are the August 13, 2010 initial program guidance and supplemental guidance on the applicability of the Ed Jobs program to charter schools.

TEA may retain up to 2 percent of the State's allocation for administrative costs associated with the program. Any funds not reserved for State administration must be awarded to LEAs on the basis of their relative shares of funding under Part A of Title I. To facilitate local planning, I strongly urge you to make publicly available, as soon as possible, the amount of Ed Jobs funds that each LEA will receive.

Before the Department may award Ed Jobs funds to TEA under the alternative distribution method, the Department must receive an approvable TEA application that includes the Governor's assurance that the State will meet the maintenance-of-effort requirements and other assurances required under the Ed Jobs statute.

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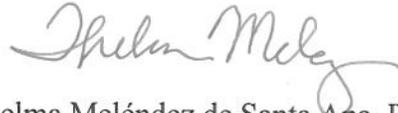
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Joseph Conaty at [joseph.conaty@ed.gov](mailto:joseph.conaty@ed.gov) or 202-260-8230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thelma Meléndez".

Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana, Ph.D.

cc: Governor Rick Perry

Enclosures: TEA Education Jobs Fund application and guidance