



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

August 19, 2013

Superintendent Maurice O. Green
Guilford County Schools
712 North Eugene Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Dear Superintendent Green:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for your hard work and collaboration with us as Guilford County School's (GCS) begins to implement its Race to the Top - District grant. Between February 28, 2013 and August 16, 2013, we received initial and revised school implementation plans and detailed Scopes of Work that are consistent with the grantee's approved application.

The Department conditionally approves the GCS's Personalized Achievement, Curriculum and Environment (PACE) Scope of Work and the format of the school implementation plans; the grantee Scope of Work and school implementation plans include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. As noted in the condition specified below, the Scope of Work will be subject to additional review and revision following the completion of Year 1 activities.

Condition: GCS will submit a revised Year 2-4 Personalized Achievement, Curriculum and Environment (PACE) Scope of Work for Department approval by July 1, 2014. In its approved Race to the Top - District application, GCS established annual deliverables for completing many of its Race to the Top - District tasks. GCS indicated that it is unable to provide a detailed timeline for these tasks until the completion of Year 1 activities. The Department expects that GCS will meet all benchmarks established by the grantee in its Scope of Work (as updated) and all goals outlined in its approved application unless revised via the established amendment process. If GCS fails to meet the requirements for the condition outlined above, the Department will take appropriate enforcement action.

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On December 27, 2012, GCS received a grant of \$29,999,985.84 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the grantee's Scope of Work. In accordance with the condition outlined above, GCS may access the remaining balance of the award, consistent with its approved Year 1 Scope of Work and budget. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed.

Furthermore, the Department approves the GCS's African American Male Achievement Initiative, Guilford Parent Academy, Supporting PACE Schools Project Families, and Guilford County Schools Virtual Public School Middle School Optional Budget Supplement Scopes of Work; the grantee Scopes of Work include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures.

On December 27, 2012, GCS received optional budget supplement grants totaling \$5,222,017.99 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the grantee's Scopes of Work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to GCS. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of GCS's Race to the Top - District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Sincerely,

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