



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

September 20, 2013

Superintendent John P. Welch
Puget Sound Educational Service District
800 Oakesdale Ave, South
West Renton, WA 98057

Dear Superintendent Welch:

I would like to extend my thanks to you and your staff for your hard work and collaboration with us as Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) begins to implement its Race to the Top – District grant. Between April 8, 2013 and July 23, 2013, we received initial and revised school implementation plans and a detailed Scope of Work that is consistent with PSESD's approved application. We approve the Scope of Work and the format of the school implementation plans; the Scope of Work and school implementation plans include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures, where available. In accordance with PSESD's approved application, PSESD must submit baseline data and annual targets for the number of students whose teacher of record and principal are effective and highly effective (as defined in the Notice Inviting Applications¹). Additionally, PSESD must submit activities, timelines, budgets, and key personnel for those projects that receive Investment Funds², consistent with PSESD's Scope of Work. As we have discussed with you, the Scope of Work may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

On December 27, 2012, PSESD received a grant of \$39,964,930 with the condition that the grantee draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the Scope of Work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is

¹ The Notice Inviting Applications is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-16/pdf/2012-20037.pdf>.

² PSESD's approved Scope of Work has four Investment Fund projects: Project 1 – Invest in Teaching and Leading; Project 3B – Investment Fund for Pre-kindergarten-3rd Grade Strategies and Systems at the Community-Level; Project 8 – College and Career Readiness Investment Fund; and Deep Dive 3 – Investment Fund to Develop Additional Community-School Partnerships.

now available to PSESD. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of PSESD Race to the Top – District plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

Sincerely,

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