



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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Anne Bryan
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Dear Ms. Bryan:

This letter is in response to North Carolina's request to amend its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant projects. The State submitted an amendment request package to the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services (Departments) and it was received on January 2, 2012. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments to your plan and budget, provided that such a change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal. On July 18, 2012, the Departments sent a letter and the "RTT-ELC Amendment Process" document to Project Directors indicating the process by which amendments would be reviewed and approved or denied. To determine whether approval could be granted, the Departments has applied the conditions noted in the document and compared it with the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge program requirements and conditions.

The following amendment request is approved, as described below:

- The Early Childhood Advisory Council (lead agency and fiscal agent) will move from the Office of the Governor to the Division of Public Health (DPH) within the Department of Health and Human Services.
- North Carolina RTT-ELC grant will be permanently sited in the Division of Public Health (DPH) within the Department of Health and Human Services.

It is our understanding that the amendments will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, nor will they substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department of Education's website as a record of the amendment request.

We are confident that North Carolina will continue its comprehensive efforts towards building successful state systems of early learning. If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding RTT-ELC, please do not hesitate to contact your Project Officer, Charm L. Smith, at (202) 205-5724 or charm.smith@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Patrick McCrory