



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Dear Ms. Morrison:

This letter is in response to Washington's request to amend its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grant project. The State submitted an amendment request package to the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services (Departments) on December 4, 2012. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments 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 "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 have 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:

- Washington will delay implementation of the tiered subsidy reimbursements to July 2014. This changes the current RTT-ELC grant deadlines which proposed implementing tiered reimbursement for child care centers by January 2013 and family child care homes by July 2013.

It is our understanding that this amendment will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, participation rate, budget, and, nor will this delay 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 Washington State 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, Rebecca Marek, at (202) 260-0968 or rebecca.marek@ed.gov

Sincerely,

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