



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

September 15, 2014

The Honorable John Kasich
Office of the Governor
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Dear Governor Kasich:

I am writing with regards to the Department of Education's (Department) September 24, 2013, conditional approval of Ohio's request to amend the approach outlined in the *Performance-Based Funding* and *Expand Excellence* work streams of section (D)(4) in Ohio's approved plan to implement performance funding for preparation programs. Specifically, the amendment conditionally approved the State to implement the performance funding model utilizing only those metrics for which performance data are available and multi-year trend data are not required, and to revise its timeline for implementation due to a seven month delay in executing a contract to lead the development of a protocol. The State reported that it anticipated providing performance-based funding annually based on available data points, starting in winter 2013-2014.

The September 24, 2013, amendment approval was conditioned on the State submitting to the Department by March 1, 2014, evidence of implementation of this revised approach to implementing the performance-based funding protocol for educator preparation programs. In June 2014, Ohio reported distributing awards to eligible educator preparation programs.

It is our understanding that Ohio will still accomplish within the grant period the commitment to implement a performance-based funding protocol for educator preparation programs articulated in its approved application.

Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website.

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If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top, please do not hesitate to contact Ohio's Race to the Top Program Officer, Megan Oberst, at 202-453-5673 or megan.oberst@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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