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Dr. William J. Moloney
Commissioner
Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue, Room 500
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioner Moloney:

On July 7, 2006, the Colorado Department of Education (DED) submitted its revised State highly qualified teacher (HQT) plan. The peer reviewers found deficiencies in the original plan, and the Department asked that it be revised and re-submitted. We received the revision on September 29, 2006.

In the judgment of the Department, the revised plan submitted on September 29 meets all six requirements and is now approved. In general, the reviewers were pleased with the plan. I would like to congratulate you and your staff for this excellent work. We recognize the substantial challenge it has been to prepare this plan, and we are encouraged that you were able to submit a complete and comprehensive plan.

We will post the September 29, 2006 revision of the plan on the Department's Web site in place of the plan that is currently posted. We look forward to our continued work together, including routine monitoring to ensure that your State implements the activities described in the plan to meet the HQT goal in 2006-07 and beyond, for the benefit of all students in Colorado. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Stonehill (202-260-9737), or robert.stonehill@ed.gov), or Margaret Miles (202-260-2531, or margaret.miles@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

Henry L. Johnson