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VIA EMAIL

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Attention: Gaby Tanner

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education's (OSSE's) request to waive section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) to extend the period of availability of Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) and American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) program administrative funds, consolidated pursuant to ESEA section 8201(a)(2), through March 31, 2026. OSSE requests to waive section 421(b) of GEPA pursuant to section 8401(b)(1) of ESEA. This request pertains to administrative funds consolidated across the ARP ESSER Fund and Title I, Part A, (Title I-A) and Title IV, Part A, (Title IV-A) of the ESEA.

This waiver will allow OSSE to use consolidated funds on administrative costs associated with reporting, monitoring, and closeout activities in addition to enabling OSSE to sustain critical state coordination of supports for local education agencies' (LEAs') academic recovery efforts. Through this waiver, OSSE will continue to focus its resources on meeting students' academic and other needs, including groups most impacted by the pandemic.

As Authorizing Official on Award Numbers S425U210034 (ARP ESSER), S010A220051 (Title I-A), and S424A220009 (Title IV-A), I attest that we will use consolidated administrative funds under these programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers. I also attest that at the time of submission, we will have provided the public and all local District of Columbia LEAs with notice of, and opportunity to comment on, this request. Please see enclosed with this letter all comments received and a description of how we addressed them.

For questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nikki Stewart, Project Director for DC's ARP ESSER, Title I-A, and Title IV-A grants, at Nikki.Stewart@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Interim State Superintendent of Education