



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable Richard Woods  
State School Superintendent  
Georgia Department of Education  
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE  
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Dear Superintendent Woods,

I am writing to recognize Georgia's ongoing commitment to the maintenance of equity requirements under section 2004(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). Knowing the numerous, competing priorities facing States, State educational agencies, and local educational agencies, Georgia's work to implement these new, critically important resource equity requirements is appreciated. We note that Georgia's action is a result of cooperative efforts involving Governor Kemp, appropriators in your State Legislature, and State educational agency leadership and staff.

ARP maintenance of equity requirements help ensure that State and local education funding supports students who experienced longstanding opportunity gaps before, and were disproportionately impacted by, the COVID-19 pandemic. In implementing these provisions through a mix of data-quality efforts, engagement with Department-provided technical assistance, and maintenance of State education funding for the communities and students who need it most, Georgia is taking critical steps to accelerate academic recovery and close opportunity and achievement gaps.

Thank you for your collaboration on the implementation of the maintenance of equity requirements and for all you do for Georgia's students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

Adam Schott  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and  
Duties of the Assistant Secretary  
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