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The Honorable Christina Kishimoto  
Superintendent  
Hawaii State Department of Education  
1390 Miller Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Superintendent Kishimoto:

This letter addresses the removal of the condition that the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) placed on Hawaii's fiscal year (FY) 2019 Title I, Part A grant award.

The condition related to the participation rate of students taking science assessments using alternate assessments of alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS) administered in the State in the 2017-2018 school year (see <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/stateletters/1percentconsequencehi.pdf>). Hawaii demonstrated that, for the 2018-19 school year, it assessed fewer than 1.0 percent of all students in science with an AA-AAAS, in compliance with section 1111(b)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). This fulfills the terms of this condition on Hawaii's FY 2019 Title I, Part A grant. As a result, the Department is removing this condition. We also note that Hawaii requested and received a waiver to exceed 1.0 percent of all students taking the AA-AAAS in reading/language arts and mathematics for 2018-19 (see <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/waivers/hi1percentwaiverresponse19-006025.pdf>).

Thank you for your efforts in addressing the science assessment condition. If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact my staff at [ESEA.Assessment@ed.gov](mailto:ESEA.Assessment@ed.gov). The Department looks forward to continuing our work with you to support the educational needs of all students in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

/s/

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