



THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20202

January 18, 2022

The Honorable Christina Grant
State Superintendent of Education
Office of the State Superintendent of Education
1050 First Street, N.E., Third Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Superintendent Grant:

In the letter approving the District of Columbia's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, dated July 7, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed a condition on the District of Columbia's ARP ESSER grant. Specifically, the District of Columbia indicated that it had not yet identified the evidence-based interventions it would implement to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, as required in the Department's [interim final requirements](#) and described in section D.1 of the ARP ESSER State template. As a result, the condition required the District of Columbia to amend its ARP ESSER State plan to describe how it meets the requirements in section D.1 of the ARP ESSER State plan template, including identification of the evidence-based interventions it will implement to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and a description of how the interventions will address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain groups of students.

On August 6, 2021, the District of Columbia submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan addressing the condition by describing the evidence-based interventions it will implement to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and how the interventions will address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain groups of students, consistent with statutory requirements. As a result, I am removing the condition from the District of Columbia's ARP ESSER grant. This letter and the updated plan will be posted on the Department's State Plans website [here](#).

Thank you for your efforts, and the efforts of your staff, to implement the ARP ESSER program and to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students, educators, and staff during the pandemic. We look forward to continuing our work with you to support the education of students in the District of Columbia. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: DistrictofColumbia.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian Rosenblum".

Ian Rosenblum
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs
Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and Duties of the Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education