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DIRECTOR

To: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, United States Department of Education

From: State of Illinois

Date: September 15, 2022

Re: Waiver Request from Section 2004 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) and Section 317 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)

The State of Illinois has not only maintained support for K-12 and Higher Education during the pandemic, but has prioritized education funding to allow for additional resources to be funneled into those areas. The State has steadily increased appropriations for both areas in recent years and updated the funding model while significantly increasing funding for K-12 schools.

While the State is continuing to make important strides in education funding, Illinois does not anticipate achieving technical compliance in Fiscal Year 2022 with the Maintenance of Effort Requirement for Higher Education under Section 317 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and Section 2004 of the American Rescue Plan Act, and, as a result, now seeks a waiver. The State's non-compliance status is due primarily to the lasting impact of the State's two-year budget impasse in Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 on the average of the base years funding and the appropriation pressures in later budget years, as explained in the attached Illinois waiver request. The State's efforts following the conclusion of the budget impasse, starting in Fiscal Year 2018, demonstrate its commitment to education.

Thank you,

Alexis Sturm, Director, Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget

cc: Robert Wolfe, Financial Officer, Illinois State Board of Education

Attachments