



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

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The Honorable Joe Graves
Secretary of Education
South Dakota Department of Education
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Dear Secretary Graves:

In the July 7, 2021, letter approving South Dakota's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) placed certain conditions on South Dakota's grant. Specifically, the conditions required that South Dakota amend its ARP ESSER State plan to describe, in section D, the evidence-based interventions it will implement using the funds it reserves under section 2001(f) of the ARP Act.

On December 12, 2022, South Dakota submitted an updated ARP ESSER State plan that responded to these conditions by describing the evidence-based interventions it will implement to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, summer learning and enrichment programs, and comprehensive afterschool programs, and how these interventions will address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on certain groups of students. As a result, I am removing the conditions from South Dakota'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 and mental health needs of students, educators, and staff during the pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact your program officer at: SouthDakota.OESE@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary
Delegated the Authority to Perform the
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