



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

May 24, 2023

The Honorable Jason E. Glass  
Commissioner of Education  
Kentucky Department of Education  
300 Sower Blvd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Glass,

I am writing to recognize Kentucky'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, Kentucky's early work to implement these new, critically important resource equity requirements is appreciated. We note that Kentucky's action is a result of cooperative efforts involving Governor Beshear, appropriators in your General Assembly, 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, Kentucky is taking critical steps to accelerate academic recovery and close opportunity and achievement gaps.

My team looks forward to continuing our work with yours in implementing the second year of maintenance of equity requirements in fiscal year 2023. Thank you for your collaboration, and all you do for Kentucky's students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

James F. Lane, Ed. D.  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Delegated the Authority to Perform the  
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