



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

October 16, 2023

The Honorable Jacob Oliva  
Commissioner of Education  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Four Capitol Mall, Room 304-A  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Commissioner Oliva:

I am writing in response to Arkansas's September 6, 2023, request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to amend Section D of its approved American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) State plan. In its submission, the Arkansas Department of Education proposed amending its plan to expand programming to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

Upon review, I have determined that the amended request continues to meet the ARP ESSER statutory and regulatory requirements and addresses all ARP ESSER State plan elements under Section D. Accordingly, I am approving Arkansas's amended ARP ESSER State plan. This letter, as well as Arkansas's revised ARP ESSER State plan, will be posted on the Department's website, [here](#). Any further requests to amend Arkansas's ARP ESSER State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Thank you for the work Arkansas has invested in its ARP ESSER State plan. If you need any assistance regarding implementation of your plan, please contact your program officer at [Arkansas.OESE@ed.gov](mailto:Arkansas.OESE@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

Adam Schott  
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