



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable Cade Brumley  
State Superintendent of Education  
Louisiana Department of Education  
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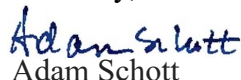
Dear Superintendent Brumley,

I am writing to recognize Louisiana'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, Louisiana's work to implement these new, critically important resource equity requirements is appreciated. We note that Louisiana's action is a result of cooperative efforts involving the executive branch, appropriators in your State Legislature, 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, Louisiana 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 implementation of maintenance of equity requirements. Thank you for your collaboration and all you do for Louisiana's students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

  
Adam Schott

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