



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable Frank Edelblut
Commissioner of Education
New Hampshire Department of Education
25 Hall Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Commissioner Edelblut,

I am writing to recognize New Hampshire'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, New Hampshire's work to implement these new, critically important resource equity requirements is appreciated. We note that New Hampshire's action is a result of cooperative efforts involving Governor Sununu, appropriators in your General Court, 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, New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire's students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

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Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and
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