



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

January 18, 2024

The Honorable Megan Degenfelder
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Wyoming Department of Education
122 West 25th Street, Suite E200
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Dear Superintendent Degenfelder,

I am writing to recognize Wyoming'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, Wyoming's work to implement these new, critically important resource equity requirements is appreciated. We note that Wyoming's action is a result of cooperative efforts involving Governor Gordon, 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, Wyoming 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 Wyoming's students, educators, and families.

Sincerely,

Adam Schott
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs
Delegated the Authority to Perform the Functions and
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