



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

February 20, 2024

The Honorable Randy Watson
Commissioner of Education
Kansas State Department of Education
900 SW Jackson St.
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Commissioner Watson:

I am writing to acknowledge Kansas' submission on January 31, 2024, to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to update its consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to reflect previously approved changes using the COVID-19 State Plan Addendum (Addendum). As indicated in the Department's approval letter for Kansas' Addendum on December 9, 2022, the Department approved certain changes through the Addendum that are not limited to the 2021-2022 school year and indicated that the State must submit an updated ESEA consolidated State plan that incorporates those approved changes at a later date.

Kansas' updated consolidated State plan incorporates the following changes that were approved through the Addendum and are not limited to the 2021-2022 school year:

- Shifted forward long-term goals for academic achievement, graduation rate, and progress in achieving English language proficiency by two years; and
- Updated the State's timeline for identifying schools for comprehensive and additional targeted support and improvement.

This letter and Kansas' updated consolidated State plan will be posted on the Department's website (available at: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/essa-consolidated-state-plans/>). Please be aware that acknowledgement of this update to Kansas' consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the updated State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Kansas' responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

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I appreciate all you are doing to support your districts and schools. If you have any questions, please contact my staff at OESE.TitleI-a@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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