



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Michael Johnson
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
PO Box 110500
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Commissioner Johnson:

I am writing in response to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's (DEED) request on January 15, 2019 to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act. Under ESEA section 1111(a)(6)(B)(i), if a State makes any significant changes to its plan at any time, such information shall be submitted to the Secretary in the form of revisions and amendments to its State plan.

I have determined that the amended request meets the requirements in the ESEA, and for this reason, I am approving DEED's amended State plan. A summary of DEED's amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as the State's revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the U.S. Department of Education's (the Department) website. Any further requests to amend DEED's ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of DEED's consolidated State plan is not a determination that all the information and data included in the 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 DEED's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Please note the submission of the approved amendment to the consolidated State plan also fulfills the terms of the condition the Department placed on DEED's fiscal year 2018 Title I, Part A grant. As a result of the approval of this amendment, the condition is removed.

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Thank you for the work that DEED has put into your consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you need any assistance regarding the implementation of your ESEA consolidated State plan, please contact Robert Salley of my staff at: OSS.Alaska@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary for
Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: Paul Prussing, Director, Division of Student Learning
Sondra Meredith, Administrator, Teacher Education & Certification

Amendment to the Alaska Consolidated State Plan

The following is a summary of DEED’s amendment request. Please refer to the Department’s website at <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/stateplan17/map/ak.html> for DEED’s complete consolidated State plan.

- Disproportionate Rates of Access to Educators (ESEA section 1111(g)(1)(B))

Alaska amended its plan to describe how low-income and minority children enrolled in schools assisted under Title I, Part A of the ESEA are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective teachers.