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The Honorable Katy Anthes
Commissioner of Education
Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioner Anthes:

Thank you for your work on the Colorado consolidated State plan to implement requirements of covered programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and of the amended McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act).

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter on August 24, 2017 requesting additional time to sufficiently address all of the requirements in the consolidated State plan template on March 13, 2017. You noted that this is necessary in order for the Colorado State Board of Education to consider its approach to addressing some of the requirements at its September and October meetings. Colorado may submit to the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) its revised consolidated State plan to implement requirements of covered programs under the ESEA and the amended McKinney-Vento Act by October 23, 2017.

I would like to acknowledge that in accommodating the State's request for additional time, the Department will be unable to issue a written determination on Colorado's plan within the 120-day review period. After reviewing Colorado's revised consolidated State plan, the Department will work to provide a response to the State as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Cynthia Wright or Elizabeth Witt of my staff at: OSS.Colorado@ed.gov.

Thank you for the important work that you and your staff are doing to support the transition to the ESSA. The Department looks forward to working with you to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant Secretary

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