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The Honorable Katy Anthes
Commissioner of Education
Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Avenue, Room 500
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioner Anthes:

I am pleased to inform you that, pursuant to section 9207(d)(1) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the U.S. Department of Education is extending Colorado's designation as an Ed-Flex State under the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999 (Ed-Flex), as amended by ESSA.

This Ed-Flex designation is effective through the 2017–2018 school year only. Any new or existing waivers that your State grants under Ed-Flex will terminate at the end of the 2017–2018 school year. Please note that Ed-Flex authority applies only to waivers sought by individual school districts and schools; the statute does not give States the authority to waive Federal requirements that apply to State educational agencies.

I look forward to working with you as you continue to use Ed-Flex to improve school and student performance in your State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cynthia Wright and Elizabeth Witt of my staff at: OSS.Colorado@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason Botel
Acting Assistant Secretary

cc: Patrick Chapman, Executive Director, Federal Programs

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