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June 27, 2024
Adam Schott
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Schott:

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) is requesting a waiver pursuant to section 8401 of the ESEA of 1965. The LDOE is seeking a Tydings Wavier for the following programs:

- ARP Homeless Admin
- ARP ESSER Admin
- ESEA ConAdmin

This waiver will allow the LDOE to ensure the selected programs can continue to advance student academic achievement by allowing the LDOE to use funds reserved for administration to address ongoing administrative costs and avoid diverting funds away from critical services for LEAs, schools, students, teachers, and other educational staff.

Schools will continue to provide assistance to the same populations served by the programs included in the waiver by allowing the LDOE to continue to focus its resources on meeting students' academic and other needs, including groups of students most impacted by the pandemic.

The LDOE assures that it will use consolidated administrative funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provision of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers and has provided the public and all LEAs in the state with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver request and the process for commenting on the LDOE's website in a manner in which the LDOE customarily provides such notice and opportunity to comment.

If you have questions about this request, please contact Bernell Cook at Bernell.Cook@la.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cade Brumley

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State Superintendent of Education