



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



June 27, 2013

Clark Greene
Chief of Staff
Rhode Island Department of Education
255 Westminster St.
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Dear Mr. Greene:

I am writing in response to Rhode Island's request to amend its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant projects. On May 17, 2013, the State submitted documentation to and held conversations with the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services to support amendment requests to its approved Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge plan. As you are aware, the Departments have the authority to approve amendments to your plan and budget, provided that such as change does not alter the scope or objectives of the approved proposal. On July 18, 2012, the Department sent a letter and "RTT-ELC Amendment Process" document to Project Directors of grantee States indicating the process by which amendments would be reviewed and approved or denied. To determine whether approval could be granted, the Department has applied the conditions noted in the document and compared it with the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge program requirements and conditions.

I approve the following amendments, as described below:

Amendment 3.2- Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) will fund a new activating under Project 5, SOW 5, Developing and Supporting Early Childhood Assessment. Funds are requested to provide for quality improvement activities and supports to increase rates of developmental screening in primary care practices.

- The State has requested funding to support the implementation of electronic systems of developmental screening in primary care practices and related quality improvement to help practices integrate electronic developmental screening to their practice workflow and increase rates of developmental screening.

It is our understanding that the amendments will not result in a change in your State's performance measures and outcomes, nor will they substantially change the scope of work. Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website as a record of the amendments.

If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge, please do not hesitate to contact your Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge program officer, Tammi Fergusson, at 202-453-7508 or Tammi.Fergusson@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammi M. Fergusson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'T' and 'F'.

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