UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF PLANNING, EVALUATION AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

September 15, 2025

Notice of Non-Continuation of Grant Award

This letter provides notice that the United States Department of Education ("Department") has determined not to continue your federal award, in its entirety, effective September 30, 2025, as it is no longer consistent with the continuation requirements for multiyear projects under 34 C.F.R § 75.253.

Continuation requires "a determination from the Secretary that continuation of the project is in the best interest of the Federal Government." *See*, *inter alia*, 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(a)(5) and (f)(1). The Fostering Diverse Schools Demonstration Grants program was created by the prior Administration at its discretion using funds reserved to the Department for technical assistance and capacity building under Title IV-A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended. The Title IV-A technical assistance and capacity building authority provides the Department with wide flexibility and discretion in supporting Title IV-A grantees and subgrantees in carrying out allowable program activities. The Department has determined that continuation of this program is not in the best interest of the Federal Government and that funds reserved for technical assistance and capacity building under Title IV-A should be used for the School-Based Mental Health program that has been reworked to align with the Administration's priorities. Therefore, the Department will not be making continuation awards to grantees in the Fostering Diverse Schools program.

Pursuant to 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(g), the Department is required to offer non-continued awards "an opportunity to request reconsideration of the decision." However, as noted above, the Department intends to use funds reserved by the Department for technical assistance and capacity building under Title IV-A for the School-Based Mental Health program that has been reworked to align with the Administration's priorities. As such, the Department intends to repurpose all available funding for this program. Reconsideration requests must set forth your basis for disagreeing with the Department's non-continuation of your award, or your disagreement with a term or condition of this non-continuation, and documentation supporting your position. Reconsideration requests must be received within 7 calendar days of the date of this non-continuation notice. Reconsideration requests must be sent by email addressed to:

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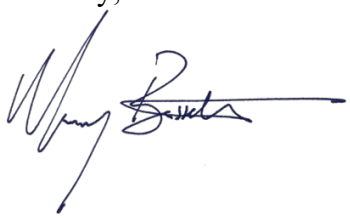
Grantees will not be offered a no-cost extension consistent with the Department's discretionary authority under 34 C.F.R. § 75.253(h) and 2 C.F.R. § 200.308(g)(2). For information about the reconsideration process, you may visit https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/department-grant-review-processes.

You are encouraged to carefully review and discharge your closeout responsibilities set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.344-46 and your award agreement. Those responsibilities include, but are not limited to, your obligation to "promptly refund any unobligated funds" that have been paid out but "are not authorized to be retained." *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(g). Failure to do so will result in the Department filing a report documenting your "material failure to comply with the terms and conditions of" this award on SAM.gov and taking any other appropriate enforcement actions, which could impact your eligibility for future grants and may result in additional liabilities. *See id.* § 200.344(i). Additionally, under 2 C.F.R. § 200.344(b), you are required to submit all final reports by no later than 120 calendar days after the end of the grant period of performance. Finally, we also remind you of your responsibility to retain all Federal award records for three years from the date of submission of your final financial report. *See* 2 C.F.R. § 200.334.

Sincerely,



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