UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

August 25, 2026

The Honorable Susana Córdova
Commissioner of Education
Colorado Department of Education
201 East Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioner Córdova :

I am writing in response to Colorado's request to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) to amend its approved consolidated State plan under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Colorado submitted its request on July 26, 2026.

I have determined that the amendment request meets ESEA requirements; accordingly, I am approving Colorado's amended State plan. A summary of Colorado's amendment is enclosed. This letter, as well as Colorado's revised ESEA consolidated State plan, will be posted on the Department's website. Any further requests to amend Colorado's ESEA consolidated State plan must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please be aware that approval of this amendment is not a determination that all the information and data included in the amended State plan comply with Federal civil rights requirements, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. It is Colorado's responsibility to comply with these civil rights requirements.

Thank you for the work Colorado has invested in its consolidated State plan under the ESEA. If you need any assistance regarding its implementation, please contact the Division of State Support and Accountability at: OESE.TitleI-A@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Baesler
Assistant Secretary
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Enclosure

cc: Rhonda Haniford, Colorado Department of Education

Amendment to the Colorado Consolidated State Plan
The following is a summary of Colorado's amendment request. Please refer to the Department's website (https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-offices/oese/key-documents) for Colorado's complete consolidated State plan.

Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies

- *Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency Indicator*
  Colorado paused its On-Track Growth (OTG) measure—which is one of two measures the State uses to calculate whether English learners are progressing toward proficiency—in its Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency (ELP) indicator due to changes to the State's ELP assessments. For fall 2026 accountability determinations, the State will use its Median Growth Percentile (MGP), which tracks a school's median growth for this indicator.