



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

July 9, 2012

The Honorable Steve Beshear
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Beshear:

I would like to thank Commissioner Terry Holliday and the staff at the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) for their hard work and collaboration with us as your state begins to implement its Race to the Top grant. On April 2, 2012, we received the final scopes of work for all of Kentucky's participating local educational agencies (LEAs), and a detailed draft scope of work for Kentucky's entire project. At this time, we approve the Commonwealth's scope of work and the format of the LEA scopes of work; the Commonwealth and LEA scopes of work include specific goals, activities, timeline, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures.

The state scope of work includes quarterly milestones for Year 1 and key milestones for years 2, 3 and 4. In December 2012, Kentucky will submit a revised scope of work to the Department that details quarterly milestones for Year 2.

Through our conversations with the KDE team, we understand that the State has approved the participating LEA scopes of work through the end of the 2012-2013 school year. KDE is creating tools to help support and monitor the participating LEAs, and in spring 2013 KDE will go through a process of scope of work revision that will include a greater focus on the implementation of the Educator Development Suite (EDS) component of its Continuous Instructional Improvement Technology System (CIITS). We support your plan to continue to work with LEAs as they revise their scopes of work in the future as this is consistent with our belief that the State's and LEAs' scopes of work are living documents that may be subject to additional review and revision where appropriate over time.

On December 22, 2011, Kentucky received a grant of \$17,037,544 with the condition that the Commonwealth draw down no more than 12.5 percent of the grant prior to approval of Kentucky's scope of work. I am pleased to notify you that the remaining

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balance of the award is now available to the Commonwealth. Funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of Kentucky's Race to the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed milestones.

If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Shelley Kahn at shelley.kahn@ed.gov or (202)453-5999.

Sincerely,

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