



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

July 6, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On September 24, 2010, New York received a grant of \$696,646,000 with the condition that the State draw down no more than 12.5 percent of the grant prior to approval of the State's scope of work. In late 2010, we received scopes of work for all of New York's participating local educational agencies (LEAs) and a detailed scope of work for the State's entire project that is consistent with its approved application. On May 4, 2011, we approved the format of the State's LEA scopes of work, which include specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. At that time, we confirmed that New York could continue to draw down funds within the available 12.5 percent of the grant for State-level activities, as well as on behalf of the participating LEAs.

I am pleased to approve the State's final scope of work and to notify you that the remaining balance of the award is now available to the State. Consistent with Grant Condition K of the Phase 2 Race to the Top Grant Conditions, funds may be drawn down only as they are needed, and their use must be consistent with the implementation of New York's approved Race to the Top plan and in support of accomplishing its proposed goals and activities. I would like to thank Acting Commissioner John King and the staff at the New York State Education Department for their hard work and collaboration with us as your State continues to implement its Race to the Top grant.

If you have any questions concerning your Race to the Top award, please contact Rachel Vessey at rachel.vessey@ed.gov or 202-453-5545.

Sincerely,

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