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The Honorable Frank T. Brogan
Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Assistant Secretary Brogan,

I am writing to request a waiver on behalf of the Kansas State Department of Education (SEA) and its subgrantees, pursuant to the following requirements of Title IV, Part A for the 2020-21 school year:

- ✓ Section 4106(d) of Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), related to LEA needs assessments.
- ✓ Section 4106(e)(2)(C), (D), and (E) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to content-area spending requirements for Title IV, Part A funds.
- ✓ Section 4109(b) of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, with respect to the fifteen percent spending limitation for technology infrastructure for Title IV, Part A funds.

I am requesting these waivers due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, for which a national emergency has been declared by the President of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. As a result of this health crisis, schools and communities are facing unprecedented obstacles as the 2020-2021 school year begins. Providing additional flexibilities for allowable activities under Title IV, Part A will provide schools with the options necessary to address their critical needs.

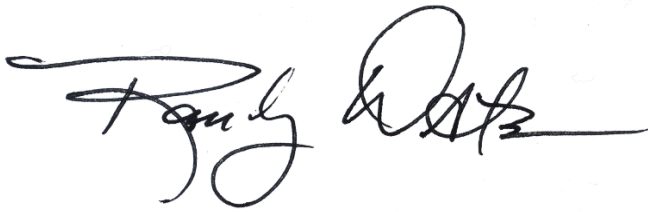
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In seeking these waivers, I assure that:

- ✓ The SEA will use, and ensure that its subgrantees use, Title IV, Part A funds in accordance with all other provisions of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA, and all applicable regulations, program plans, and applications.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Randy Watson
Commissioner of Education