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The Honorable Eligio Hernández Pérez
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Dear Secretary Hernández Pérez:

I am writing in response to the Puerto Rico Department of Education's (PRDE) request to extend the period of availability for \$6,843,902.00 of fiscal year (FY) 2017 Title IV, Part B funds (S287C170039). Specifically, PRDE requested an extension through September 30, 2020, for a portion of Title IV, Part B program funds (\$6,843,902.00) for the purpose of making continuation grants to Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) subgrantees.

After reviewing PRDE's request, I have determined that the waiver will utilize available funds to carry out activities that will strengthen student achievement through 21st CCLC programming. Therefore, pursuant to my authority under section 8401 of the ESSA, I am granting PRDE a waiver of section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act to extend the period of availability for \$6,843,902.00 of the FY 2017 Title IV, Part B funds through September 30, 2020. I am approving this waiver based on PRDE's assurance, in its request, that it will use FY 2017 funds to carry out activities to strengthen student achievement through student participation in the 21st CCLC program by funding continuation awards to existing subgrantees.

I appreciate the work you are doing to improve Puerto Rico's schools by providing high-quality educational activities for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Keely Weber of my staff at Keely.Weber@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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