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Dr. Douglas D. Christensen  
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Dear Dr. Christensen:

In June 2006, the U.S. Department of Education notified the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) that, as a result of NDE not adopting a test for new elementary school teachers as a means for them to demonstrate subject-matter competency in accordance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements, conditions would be placed on Nebraska's ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grants for the FY 2006.

NDE agreed to resolve the grant conditions by instituting a rigorous State test of subject knowledge, by May 1, 2007, for elementary school teacher candidates who will graduate from Nebraska teacher preparation institutions in the 2006-07 academic year. The Department received confirmation on April 16, 2007. The implementation of a test for new elementary school teachers fully address the conditions; therefore, the Department considers the situation resolved and is, effective with this letter, removing the grant conditions on both the ESEA Title I, Part A and Title II, Part A grants.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff to ensure that all teachers meet the highly qualified requirements and to help improve the delivery of services to teachers in Nebraska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerri L. Briggs".

Kerri L. Briggs, Ph.D.  
Acting Assistant Secretary