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Kevin Noland
Interim Commissioner of Education
Kentucky Department of Education
Capitol Plaza Tower - 500 Mero Street
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Commissioner Noland:

On July 7, 2006, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) submitted its revised State highly qualified teacher (HQT) plan. The peer reviewers found deficiencies in the original plan, and the Department asked that it be revised and re-submitted. We received the revision on September 28, 2006.

Department of Education staff reviewed the revised plan. In general, the reviewers were pleased with the document. To resolve outstanding questions and concerns raised in the internal review, Department Program Officer Elizabeth Witt had several lengthy discussions with Michael Dailey and Lee Goss from KDE. As a result of these conversations, KDE made additional changes to the plan and provided additional information. Several interim versions of the plan were submitted. A final revised version of the plan was submitted to the Department on January 11, 2007.

In the judgment of the Department, the plan submitted on January 11 meets all six requirements and is now approved. I would like to congratulate you and your staff for this excellent work. We recognize the substantial challenge it has been to prepare this document, and we are encouraged that you were able to submit a complete and comprehensive plan.

We will post the January 11 revision of the plan on the Department's Web site in place of the plan that is currently posted. We look forward to our continued work together, including routine monitoring to ensure that your State implements the activities described in the plan to meet the HQT goal in 2006-07 and beyond, for the benefit of all students in Kentucky. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Stonehill (202-260-9737, or robert.stonehill@ed.gov), or Elizabeth Witt (202-260-5585, or elizabeth.witt@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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