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Dear Superintendent Nelson,

It is incredible to think that roughly 18 months have passed since the ESEA Federal Programs Team began an in-depth monitoring of Sanford Public Schools in the fall of 2019. Much has changed since then, but our primary goal continues to be supporting Maine's schools. To that end, we have continued our review of the district's programmatic and fiscal administration of the following programs authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended:

Title I, Part A (Improving Academic Achievement)	Title IV, Part A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment)
Title I, Part D (Neglected and Delinquent)	Title V, Part B (Rural Education)
Title II, Part A (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting)	Title VII, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
Title III, Part A (English Language Acquisition)	

Much has changed since we started this process, including the beginning and continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. While much of the last year has been spent developing remote and hybrid education plans, we would like to thank you for your continued work to finalize the district's FY20 ESEA monitoring work. In fact, we are pleased to inform you that Sanford Public Schools has successfully submitted and received approval of all of the required documentation for the FY20 ESEA Monitoring Cycle. Please consider this notification the official close out of our in-depth review of Sanford Public Schools. Please also be sure to maintain a copy of this letter with your other FY20 ESEA monitoring records for future reference.

Again, we thank you and your staff for your diligence throughout this process and for the hard work you continue to do in support of Maine's students who are in your care. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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