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Honorable Rafael Román Meléndez
Secretary of Education
Puerto Rico Department of Education
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Dear Secretary Melendez:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education (ED), I am pleased to inform you that the Puerto Rico's Department of Education Technology Plan for years 2014-2019 has been approved.

The Education Technology Plan was reviewed by a team of ED personnel, all of whom are quite familiar with the provisions included in Title II, Part D, section 2413 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized. The team reviewed Puerto Rico's Education Technology Plan on its content as well as the extent to which the plan met ESEA statutory requirements. After careful consideration of comments and feedback, the review team recommended Puerto Rico's State Technology Plan for approval. The recommendation was based on the inclusion of the following elements in your Technology Plan:

- Satisfactorily addressing goals, objectives, ESEA statutory provisions for implementing and integrating technology into the classrooms, curriculum and instruction;
- Ensuring that each element of the plan includes specific strategies for improving academic achievement through the use of technology in schools;
- Strategies that address technology literacy by students, teachers, and administrators;
- Identifying and addressing a strong need to increase access to technology for high-need LEAs.
- Developing innovative strategies for the delivery of specialized or rigorous courses and curricula through the use of technology; and,
- Strategies for providing professional development to ensure that teachers and principals are technologically literate.

ED looks forward to working with you as you implement the Technology Plan and continue your efforts to improve education for all students. If you have any questions or have a need for technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call (202) 401-3641 or email me at Jenelle.Leonard@ed.gov, or email Robert Hitchcock at Robert.Hitchcock@ed.gov or call Mr. Hitchcock at (202) 260-1472.

Sincerely,

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