



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

March 6, 2012

Hon. Arne Duncan  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan:

The Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDE) requests an extension for submitting its Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility application. PRDE submitted its intent to apply for the waiver package in October 2011, has already begun significant efforts and remains committed to the rigorous and comprehensive reforms needed but needs additional time to prepare a thorough application. PRDE requests an extension of the February 28, 2012 deadline, or alternatively, for its application to be considered in the third September 6<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Sincerely,

Edward Moreno Alonso, Ed. D.  
Secretary