



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Mr. Arne Duncan
Secretary
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary Duncan:

Please consider this email official notification of the Puerto Rico Department of Education's (PRDE) intent to request ESEA flexibility. PRDE intends to submit the waiver request by mid-February, 2012, in advance of a Spring 2012 peer review.

PRDE understands this flexibility will build on, and support, the significant reform efforts already underway. This renewed approach will further enhance our strong commitment to providing innovative ways to advance academic achievement and expand the quality of education. PRDE is prepared to put into action the rigorous and comprehensive plans required for ESEA flexibility.

Sincerely,


Jesús M. Rivera Sánchez, Ed. D.
Secretary