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Greetings,

This e-mail is a follow-up on the application you submitted to receive the designation of high-performing educational service center. I am pleased to inform you that the Department has reviewed and approved your application. As was the case last year, all 51 ESCs applied, and all will be designated as high-performing.

Across the state, ESCs reported significant savings to client school districts. This represents value that you and your counterparts are providing to school districts. We know this is only a part of the total savings you provide each year. This has become even more apparent over the past 20 months. My colleagues and I here at the Department of Education are thankful for your partnership and willingness to take on additional duties as a result of the pandemic.

As a reminder, the designation of high-performing no longer provides a differentiation in state funding. This is a result of the changes made in the recently enacted state budget and the adoption of the Fair School Funding Plan. That said, ESCs can still use the designation to help their client schools meet federal procurement requirements.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Congratulations!

Thanks,  
Aaron

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