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The Honorable Arne Duncan
Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Duncan:

I am submitting to you New York State's monitoring plan, protocols and preliminary monitoring schedules for recipients of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) Education Fund and Other Government Services Fund of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Monitoring activities will assess compliance with appropriate laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements. Further, monitoring will ensure that grantees and other recipients of SFSF funds have the internal controls necessary to prevent fraud, waste and abuse, identify potential or existing problem areas, and identify areas where additional technical assistance is warranted. Monitoring will document the funding of jobs retained and created and the implementation of programs to advance reforms.

New York State is committed to ensuring that these funds will be spent efficiently and transparently, consistent with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Sincerely,

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