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Dear Mr. Greene:

Thank you for your timely submission of Rhode Island's Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Annual Performance Report (APR) on February 15, 2013. We appreciate the care you have taken in completing this report. The APR information will be useful to us in monitoring your grant and will also inform the public about the accomplishments of the program. We will be posting your APR and this letter on our website at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop-earlylearningchallenge/performance.html> for the purpose of transparency and public accountability.

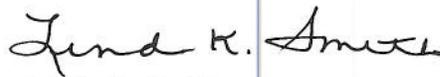
We are pleased with the progress you have made in the first year of this grant regarding building a successful infrastructure, reaching key milestones on target, and successfully reallocating the unspent resources. However, we also want to note several items that we will work with you to address during the second year of your grant.

- Rhode Island expended 61% of its first-year budget. Your Project Officers will work with you to establish revised budgets and timelines for those expenditures, in accordance with our amendment procedures.
- We note that you did not achieve several of your targets under Performance Measure (B)(2)(c), (B)(2)(c)(1) and (B)(2)(c)(2). Your Project Officers will talk with you about how you plan to address performance in those areas.

We look forward to working with you during the next year to address any issues raised by your APR and reviewing Rhode Island's accomplishments that you report next year. Thank you for your continued work to enrich the lives of our youngest learners.

Sincerely,


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