



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

April 9, 2025

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Washington DC, 20202
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Sent Via Email

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in response to your “Request for Certification,” dated April 3, 2025. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department) certifies that it has and will continue to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as required by law and by the various grant agreements and programs under which the Department and its Local Education Agencies (LEAs) receive federal funds. Pursuant to its acceptance and receipt of funds under those grant agreements and programs, the Department has certified that it complies with Title VI and its implementing regulations. Further, in its ESSA State Plan and IDEA grant application, which govern Pennsylvania’s receipt of funds under these programs and agreements, the Department has confirmed that it adheres to all applicable laws providing for equal access and participation to all persons regardless of their gender, race, color, national origin, age, or disability in education programs, services and/or activities, and that PDE will enforce all federal and state laws/regulations designed to ensure equitable access to all program beneficiaries. That certification remains in effect, as do other certifications and assurances regarding Title VI previously submitted by the Department.

Likewise, the Department affirms that all of Pennsylvania’s LEAs have previously certified, on multiple occasions, that they comply and will continue to comply with Title VI. Those certifications also remain in effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela P. Fitterer".

Angela P. Fitterer
Executive Deputy Secretary of Education