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Dear Ms. Manasevit:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the use of funds under the Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grant Program.

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) reauthorized the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA). Newly authorized under subpart 1 of Title IV, Part A of the ESEA is the SSAE program. This program is a flexible grant program intended to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs) and local communities to provide all students with access to a well-rounded education (section 4107 of the ESEA); improve school conditions for student learning (section 4108 of the ESEA); and improve the use of technology to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students (section 4109 of the ESEA).

As you have noted, section 4109(b) of the ESEA states that no more than 15 percent of funds for activities to support the effective use of technology may be used for purchasing technology infrastructure as described in section 4109 (a)(2)(B), which includes technology infrastructure purchased for the activities under section 4109 (a)(4)(A). Accordingly, an LEA should determine how much it will spend in each area, and then apply the 15 percent rule to the amount to be spent on effective use of technology. To clarify, LEAs, or a consortium of LEAs, may not spend more than 15 percent of funding in this content area on devices, equipment, software applications, platforms, digital instructional resources and/or one-time purchases, and this 15 percent rule does not apply to the total SSAE subgrant that an LEA may receive.

If you have any further questions regarding the administration of the SSAE program, please contact Paul Kesner, Director, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools, at OESE.TITLE.IV-A@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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