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The Honorable Betsy DeVos  
Secretary of Education  
United States (U.S.) Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW. Suite 3E124  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

On behalf of the Kentucky Department of Education, I am pleased to provide evidence on the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) science assessments in grades 4 and 7 for peer review. In September 2018, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released guidance regarding the criteria and process for demonstrating that our statewide assessment system meets the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended. We examined these system requirements and are submitting documentation to demonstrate alignment.

Kentucky is providing supporting evidence for the State Assessment Peer Review Submission. As noted in the guidance, the Kentucky submission includes the following parts:

1. State Assessment Peer Review Submission Cover Sheet,
2. State Assessment Peer Review Submission Index, and
3. Evidence to address each critical element.

Kentucky has provided explanation of the organization of the evidence files submitted. Please see the electronic folder entitled, 0\_0 Correspondence and Information for Peer Reviewers and the specific document entitled, 0\_0 ALL\_02 Notes to Reviewers on Evidence Submitted. Kentucky's evidence is primarily in the form of pdf documents. Using a single file format with consistent page numbering should make reviewing a large number of documents easier. To facilitate finding documents quickly, we have given each pdf file an informative filename. In many cases, we have included both the complete document and separate files with selected pages relevant to particular critical elements.

If additional documentation is needed or you have questions, feel free to contact Jennifer Fraker in my office by phone at 502-564-3141 or by e-mail at [jennifer.fraker@education.ky.gov](mailto:jennifer.fraker@education.ky.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "W" and a distinct "L".

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Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education