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GOVERNMENT ETHICS



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Marcella Goodridge-Keiller
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Designated Agency Ethics Official
Department of Education
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Dear Ms. Goodridge-Keiller:

In September 2015, the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) issued a report on its review of the Department of Education's (Education) ethics program. The ethics program review report included one recommendation for improvement. OGE conducted follow-up reviews in March 2016 and in October 2016 but was unable to close the recommendation. OGE recently conducted a third follow-up review in December 2017. Based on the results of its third follow-up review, OGE has concluded that this recommendation can now be closed. The results of the third follow-up review are summarized below.

	Recommendation	Agency Action and OGE Finding	Status
1	Continue to implement corrective action to ensure that new entrant confidential reports are filed timely.	OGE examined a sample of 15 new entrant confidential reports filed with the Ethics Division in 2017. Of the 15 reports OGE examined, 13 (87%) were filed timely. OGE encourages the Ethics Division to continually monitor the new entrant confidential filing process to ensure that the steps established to address new entrant filing remain effective.	Closed

I appreciate the courtesies your staff extended to the OGE program inspection staff. If you would like to discuss the report, please contact me at 202-482-9224.

Sincerely,

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