

## American Rescue Plan

### LEA Certification of Exception from Local Maintenance of Equity Requirements

Please submit this certification to your SEA, which will notify the Department which LEAs in the State are excepted from the local maintenance of equity requirements under section 2004(c)(2) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act due to such certifications for FY 2023.

**LEA name:** McDuffie

**State:** Georgia

On behalf of my local educational agency (LEA), I Mychele Rhodes  
(name), Superintendent (title), certify that for the 2022-2023  
school year, fiscal year 2023, this LEA demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable  
circumstance under section 2004(c)(2) of the ARP Act.

Please select the option that best aligns with the LEA's exception.

- Has a total enrollment of fewer than 1,000 students
- Operates a single school
- Serves all students within each grade span with a single school
- Specifically, this LEA faces implementation challenges due to the enactment of the ARP Act in March 2021 and the impact of the pandemic with respect to budget and enrollment uncertainty. The LEA certifies it will not implement an aggregate reduction in combined State and local per-pupil funding for the relevant fiscal year(s).

By signing this certification, I hereby confirm that I am the authorized representative with the fiscal and legal authority to certify on behalf of this school district. In addition, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information in this certification is true and correct.

Mychele Rhodes

Signature

Mychele Rhodes, 10/18/2022

Printed name & date