## Appendix A: Exemption Based on Exceptional or Uncontrollable Circumstance

**American Rescue Plan**

**LEA Certification of Exemption from Local Maintenance of Equity Requirements**

Please submit this certification to your state education agency (SEA) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) if the local education agency (LEA) claims that it should be exempted from the local maintenance of equity requirements under section 2004(c)(2) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act due to such certifications for the fiscal year 2023.

**LEA Name:**

**State:**

On behalf of my local educational agency (LEA), I

 **(name),**

 **(title),** certify that for the:

[ ]  **2022-2023 school year (the fiscal year 2023)**

this LEA demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance under section 2004(c)(2) of the ARP Act. 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.

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.

Signature: