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Robert C. Bobb, Emergency Financial Manager
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Dear Mr. Bobb:

I was pleased to receive your letter of April 15, 2009, in which you presented to me your plan for funding the Emergency Student Achievement Summer School Academies.

As you are keenly aware, the district's student achievement data are alarming. Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for the district's students in grades three through nine show between 40.3 percent and 56.9 percent are partially proficient or not proficient in the subjects of Reading, Writing, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. In response, your proposal aims to utilize Title I funding the district would otherwise lose to establish Title I programs enabling the district to provide structured academic intervention for eligible students.

Your financial plan for the Emergency Student Achievement Summer School Academies is comprised of initiatives totaling \$52,194,084, and projects that Title I funds in that amount will be available to support this initiative based on current projections of available funds from the current fiscal year as well as the previous fiscal year. This funding proposal requires the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to approve a reallocation of funds from the amounts set aside for the Choice and Supplemental Educational Services programs to General Purpose Title I uses. You also request approval to obligate the district's remaining 2008 Title I carryover funds which exceeded the allowable Title I carryover threshold. Your reallocation request is approved. Use of the un-obligated Title I balance of \$8,078,230 is approved contingent on the submission of an acceptable Consolidated Application. I understand district and MDE staff are working in partnership to accomplish this.

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I am pleased that the department and I can support you and the district as you work to attain financial solvency for the district. I appreciate the sense of urgency you have taken not only to address the district's deficit but also to ensure the engagement and purposeful use of funding sources available to you. I look forward to hearing of the district's continued efforts and successes.

Sincerely,



Mike Flanagan
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Cc: Carla D. Scott, M.D., Board President, Detroit Public Schools
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