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Education Achievement Authority  
Attn: Dr. John Covington, Chancellor  
300 River Place, Suite 3600  
Detroit, MI 48207

Dear Dr. Covington,

Enclosed is the Written Notice of Termination of the contract for the transfer of functions and responsibilities from the State School Reform/Redesign District to the Education Achievement Authority (EAA).

Whereas, the Notice of Termination is signed by the State School Reform/Redesign Officer Deborah Clemmons, I am in full agreement with this action. In our need to have options in which to place persistently low-achieving schools, in addition to the EAA, we need to end the exclusivity provision of the Agreement between the EAA and the state.

I sent you a document several weeks ago to terminate the Agreement immediately, which would allow for the flexibility of additional options. Our hope was that we could mutually agree with this direction and decision. You have not agreed to that immediate termination, which has led us to send this one-year Notice of Termination, as provided under Section 4.02 of the Agreement.

Even with the severing of the existing Agreement, the EAA still would be included among the options considered in which to place the state's lowest-achieving schools in the future. This is a year's notice. During that time, I am, of course, open to discussion of a future agreement that would facilitate this option.

Respectfully,



Mike Flanagan  
State Superintendent

cc: Deborah Clemmons, State School Reform/Redesign Officer  
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