

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING

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November 1, 2016

Richard Satterlee, Superintendent Craig Johnston, School Board President Bay City Academy 400 N. Madison Bay City, MI 48708

Dear Superintendent Satterlee and Board President Johnston:

Thank you for the submission of your academy's Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) as developed by the academy and approved by the local board of education. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has approved this plan based on contingencies, which are listed below. Attached is a one page summary of the DEP from your electronic submission.

The pupil projections included in this plan are based on strategies being implemented by the academy. If these pupil projections do not materialize, the academy will be expected to institute expenditure reductions in order to meet the fund balance targets in the plan.

The plan also projects Foundation Allowance increases. The district will be expected to institute expenditure reductions in any year where the school does not receive the projected increase, in order to meet the fund balance targets in the plan.

The academy is required to meet the fund balance targets in this DEP. Failure to meet these deficit reduction targets will invalidate the plan. Department approval is granted based on the following contingencies:

- If the academy is unable to achieve its enrollment projections, it will be expected to reduce expenditures in order to meet the fund balance targets in the DEP.
- The district will be expected to institute expenditure reductions in any year where the school does not receive a projected Foundation Allowance increase, in order to meet the fund balance targets in the plan.
- The academy is required to post a link to this approved DEP on its website within 30 days of this approval letter. The link should be posted on the budget transparency page, in the form and manner found in the transparency guidance.
- The academy is required to submit any revisions made to the current year budget along with the corresponding board resolution. If the budget revision impacts the DEP, the DEP should also be revised and submitted.

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- The academy is required to submit Monthly Budgetary Control Reports to the Department, Please use the tab labeled "Month1Summary2017" in the DEP workbook.
- If a deficit continues to exist at fiscal year end 2016-17, the academy will be required to submit an updated DEP by July 31, 2017, or 30 days after the state school aid budget is passed, whichever comes later.
- If a deficit continues to exist at fiscal year end 2016-17, the academy will be required to submit its pupil count information no later than one week after the fall count.

Please notify us if significant changes occur which would invalidate this plan as approved.

Please contact Jeff Kolb at (517) 373-1908 or kolbj2@michigan.gov, or Chad Urchike at (517) 335-1261 or urchikec1@michigan.gov, if you have any questions.

I look forward to your submissions and continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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