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TO: House and Senate K-12 Appropriations Committees

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FROM: Rachael Eubanks, State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks

SUBJECT: Quarterly Interim Report - Deficit School Districts Pursuant to MCL 380.1220 (2)

Attached is a copy of the Quarterly Interim Report of Deficit School Districts for the fourth quarter of FY2021-22. The report is submitted pursuant to Public Act 111 of 2015, the Revised School Code, Section 1220(2), that provides the State Treasurer shall submit quarterly interim reports to the legislature concerning Local Education Agencies (LEAs) school districts, Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), and Public School Academies (PSAs) that are subject to periodic financial status reports or are under an Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan (EDEP).

If you have additional questions about this report or other related questions concerning the information in this report, please contact the School Review and Fiscal Accountability Division at OSRFA@Michigan.gov.

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Pursuant to MCL 380.1220 within the Revised School Code, the State Treasurer shall submit quarterly interim reports to the legislature concerning K-12 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) school districts, Intermediate School Districts (ISDs), and Public School Academies (PSAs) that are subject to periodic financial status reports or are under an Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan (EDEP). This is the Michigan Department of Treasury's ("Treasury") fourth quarterly interim report for FY2021-22 to the Michigan Legislature where an analysis of FY 2020-21 audited financial data has been completed for all school districts under active Treasury oversight.

On July 7, 2015, then-Gov. Rick Snyder signed into law Public Acts 109-114, giving Treasury additional financial authority and responsibilities over K-12 LEA school districts, ISDs, and PSAs facing fiscal distress. Pursuant to MCL 380.1219(3), the State Treasurer is required to determine whether potential fiscal stress exists within a LEA school district, ISD, or PSA. Per statute, conditions of fiscal stress may include, but are not limited to: (1) An operating deficit within a LEA school district, ISD, or PSA during the current school fiscal year or the following two school fiscal years (2) A district's inability to meet its financial obligations while also satisfying the districts, ISDs, or PSAs obligations to provide public education services in a manner that complies with state law.

The School Review and Fiscal Accountability Division (SRFA) within Treasury is responsible for analyzing the financial health of Michigan's 890 active school districts while working closely with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI). Treasury has developed a process to identify fiscal stress by closely monitoring data collected from the districts' audited financial statements, adopted budgets, State Aid Status Reports, Financial Information Database (FID), and Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). The following is a summary of school districts under Treasury oversight as of September 1, 2022.

SECTION 1: EARLY WARNING DISTRICTS

Table 1 below is a complete list of districts showing signs of potential fiscal stress pursuant to Early Warning legislation, including the year they were identified. Since the June 2022 Quarterly Interim Report, twelve (12) districts were removed from active Early Warning oversight based on the improved or stable financial trends. Table 1 comprises seven (7) districts: five (5) PSAs and two (2) LEAs. Additionally, Table 2 outlines the history of districts with statutory reporting requirements to Treasury since the enactment of Public Acts 109-113 of 2015.

TABLE 1: FY2022 EARLY WARNING DISTRICTS

	LEA School District/PSA	Intermediate School District (Management Company)	Year Identified
1	Clintondale Community Schools	Macomb ISD	2019
2	International Academy of Saginaw	Bay Mills Community College (Educational Partnerships, Inc)	2020
3	Ridge Park Charter Academy	Lake Superior State University (National Heritage Academies, Inc.)	2020
4	Taylor Preparatory High School	Grand Valley State University (National Heritage Academies, Inc.)	2020
5	Wellspring Preparatory High School	Bay Mills Community College (National Heritage Academies, Inc.)	2020
6	Faxon Academy	Saginaw Valley State University (GPS)	2021
7	Flint, School District of the City of	Genesee ISD	2022

Note 1: Flint, School District of the City of, recently transitioned from EDEP oversight to Early Warning.

TABLE 2: EARLY WARNING DISTRICT STATISTICS

District Status	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Total
Total Declarations of Potential Fiscal Stress	19	8	7	16	10	8	1	69
Districts Remaining in Oversight	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	7
Districts Released from Oversight	15	5	3	6	0	6	12	47
Deficit Districts Identified[1]	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	11

Note 1: Districts identified by Treasury as showing signs of potential fiscal stress that ended the year with a general fund deficit.

SECTION 2: ENHANCED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN (EDEP) DISTRICTS

Pursuant to MCL 380.1220(5), a K-12 LEA school district, ISD, or PSA that has not eliminated its deficit within 5 years after the initial Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP) is required to submit an Enhanced Deficit Elimination Plan (EDEP) to the Treasury. A district may also be required to submit an EDEP if subjected to “rapidly deteriorating” financial circumstances.

Table 3 represents a complete list of EDEP districts pursuant to legislation. Since the June 2022 Quarterly Interim Report, there were no changes to EDEP Districts. Table 3 comprises a total of two (2) PSAs under EDEP oversight.

TABLE 3: FY2022 EDEP DISTRICTS					
	LEA School District/PSA	ISD or Authorizer (Management Co.)	May 2022 Enrollment	FY 2020 Audited GF Balance	FY 2021 Audited GF Balance
1	Detroit Public Safety Academy	Eastern Michigan University (The Leona Group)	159	$(510,317)	($287,782)
2	Bay City Academy	Lake Superior State University (Mitten Educational Mgmt)	493	$(811,258)	($1,748)

SECTION 3: PUBLIC ACT 436 OF 2012

Public Act 436 of 2012 provides criteria in determining the financial condition, specifically, the existence of a financial emergency, within a local unit of government or school district. MCL 141.1563 of the statute states that the Governor may appoint a Receivership Transition Advisory Board (RTAB) to monitor the affairs until the receivership is terminated.

On July 19, 2021, Governor Whitmer terminated the receivership of the School District of the City of Muskegon Heights and dissolved the Receivership Transition Advisory Board under Public Act 436 of 2012. As of the September 1, 2022, report, there are zero (0) districts subject to Public Act 436 of 2012, or a RTAB, as defined in statute.