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Thomas Parker, Superintendent
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Ecorse Public Schools
27225 West Outer Drive
Ecorse, MI 48229-1749

Dear Superintendent Parker and Board President Miller-Giles:

The Michigan Department of Education would like to take this opportunity to commend you, your administration, and your local school board on successfully eliminating the deficit fund balance. A review of your 2014-15 audit and 2015-16 board approved budget show positive fund balances at the end of the school years.

Because the deficit has been eliminated, it is no longer necessary to submit the monthly budgetary control reports to our office. However, until your fund balance is greater than 5% of revenues for the two most recent fiscal years, you may be required to submit key budgetary assumptions to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).

As part of the Early Warning legislation, the Department is now able to provide support and technical assistance to districts emerging from deficit. You will most likely face several challenges in the coming years, as the district rebuilds its fund balance. If you have any questions or concerns about maintaining your positive fund balance, please contact Anna Neveau at 517-373-8557 or hamlina1@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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