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January 22, 2025

Isaiah Pettway, Superintendent  
Sanford Edwards, School Board President  
WAY Academy of Flint  
817 E Kearsley St, Flint, MI 48503

Dear Superintendent Pettway and Board President Edwards:

Thank you for the submission of your district's Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP), which has been approved by the local board of education. The Michigan Department of Education has approved this plan based on the contingencies listed below.

Department approval is granted based on the following contingencies:

- The district is required to meet the fund balance targets in this DEP. Failure to meet these targets will invalidate the plan.
- If the student enrollment projections for the 2025-26 school year are not met, the district will be required to submit a revised DEP. The revised DEP must reduce expenditures to meet the original projected fund balance.
- The district is required to post the approved DEP on its budget transparency page within 30 days of this approval letter.
- The district is required to submit monthly reports to the department. Please use the DEP tab labeled "Monthly DEP Status Report" for this reporting. Each monthly report is due by the end of the following month. Your first report will be for January and is due by the end of February. The most recent monthly report must also be posted on your budget transparency page.
- The district is required to submit current year board approved budget amendments within one week of adoption. Based on the budget amendment, the district may also have to amend the DEP.

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

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Questions and monthly reports should be sent to Chad Urchike at  
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Sincerely,

*Philip L Boone*

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