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Zachary Robbins, Superintendent
Marysville School District
4220 80th Street NE
Marysville, WA 98270

Re: Financial Oversight Committee Members

Dear Superintendent Robbins and Board Vice President Krebs:

On June 18, 2024, my office notified you that I would be convening a Financial Oversight Committee in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 28A.315.221 to review the financial situation of the Marysville School District (MSD) and make recommendations on a path forward for financial stability. I am sending you this correspondence to provide you with the names of the individuals who will serve on the Financial Oversight Committee.

In accordance with RCW 28A.315.221, the Financial Oversight Committee will be made up of two representatives from OSPI, one representative from an educational service district (ESD) outside of Northwest Service District (NWESD) 189, and one nonvoting representative from NWESD 189. With that understanding, I have named the following individuals to the committee:

T.J. Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, OSPI
Ramon Alvarez, Executive Director, Human Resources, OSPI
Kassidy Probert, Assistant Superintendent, ESD 101
Lisa Matthews, Assistant Superintendent, NWESD 189 (nonvoting)

Scope of Review

As previously stated, I am tasking the Financial Oversight Committee with reviewing the financial condition of MSD and providing me with recommendations. This review will focus primarily on review of the budget that MSD must make publicly available by July 10, 2024. The review will ensure that the budgetary decisions made by MSD comply with the plan submitted to OSPI on May 15, 2024, and that it meets the binding conditions placed on the district in August 2023.

Additionally, this review may involve members of the committee meeting with MSD leadership to go over financial records, asking questions about what led to the district's financial situation, and discussing possible solutions that would lead to financial stability. I ask that you make MSD

personnel available to meet with the members of the committee and that you provide them with requested documentation promptly.

Committee Discussions and Meetings

The committee will meet no less than four times during the month of July, either independently or with MSD, to discuss the financial situation, review documentation, discuss plans, and develop recommendations or alternatives. The committee will provide MSD with informed feedback on their financial plans and make recommendations to the district on how best to proceed in a way that is in compliance with binding conditions and leads to a path of financial stability.

Public Hearings

Per RCW 28A.315.221, this review shall involve at least one public hearing within MSD in order to receive public comment and discuss financial plans. Following the public hearing(s), the Financial Oversight Committee will make a recommendation on next steps which may include corrective actions, placing the district under enhanced financial oversight, and/or dissolution of the district. Members of the public will be able to communicate with committee members at this meeting or by email at FOC@k12.wa.us.

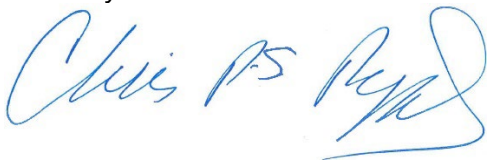
Timeline

I am tasking the Financial Oversight Committee with completing its work and providing me with recommendations by August 16, 2024. If more time is needed, the committee will notify me and provide me with a proposed timeline for when the remaining work will be completed.

As a reminder, the committee does not have the authority to mandate or prohibit specific decisions made by the district including nullifying existing contract agreements with labor unions.

Should you have any questions, please contact T.J. Kelly, OSPI Chief Financial Officer, at thomas.kelly@k12.wa.us.

Sincerely,



Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

cc: Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent, Northwest ESD 189