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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

May 13, 2025

Justin Bradford, Superintendent
Prescott School District
207 South A Street
Prescott, WA 99348

Re: Financial Oversight Committee Members

Dear Superintendent Bradford and School Board Chair Chabre:

On April 22, 2025, 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 Prescott School District (PSD) 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 ESD 123, and one nonvoting representative from ESD 123. With that understanding, I have named the following individuals to the committee:

T.J. Kelly, Chief Financial Officer, OSPI
Shawn Lewis, Director, SAFS, OSPI
Julie Rupe, Director of School Finance, ESD 113 (added June 13, 2025)
Michael Paquette, Assistant Superintendent, ESD 123 (nonvoting)

Scope of Review

As previously stated, I am tasking the Financial Oversight Committee with reviewing the financial condition of PSD and providing me with recommendations. This review will focus primarily on reviewing the budget that PSD must make publicly available by July 10, 2025. The review will ensure that the budgetary decisions made by PSD make significant steps towards compliance with the binding conditions placed on the district in March 2024.

Additionally, this review may involve members of the committee meeting with PSD administration and board members to analyze financial records, asking questions about what led to the district's financial situation, and discussing possible solutions that would lead to

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financial stability. I ask that you make PSD 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 prior to the month of July, either independently or with PSD, to discuss the financial situation, review documentation, discuss plans, and develop recommendations or alternatives. The committee will provide PSD with informed feedback on their financial plans and make recommendations to the district on how best to proceed in a way that makes significant progress towards and ultimately complies with binding conditions and leads to financial stability.

Public Hearings

Per RCW 28A.315.221, this review shall involve at least one public hearing within PSD 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.

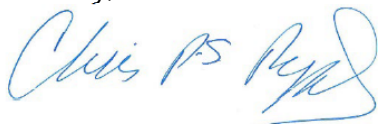
Timeline

I am tasking the Financial Oversight Committee with completing its initial work and providing me with recommendations by July 31, 2025. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Reykdal".

Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

cc: Steve McCullough, Superintendent, ESD 123