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Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

Dr. Deborah Rumbaugh, Superintendent
Marysville School District
4220 80th Street NE
Marysville, WA 98270

Re: Change in Level of State Financial Oversight

Dear Dr. Rumbaugh:

Since August 2024, Marysville School District (MSD) has been operating under Enhanced Financial Oversight and the supervision of a Financial Oversight Committee (FOC). Over the last fifteen months, MSD management has succeeded in implementing staffing and business process changes that have resulted in dramatic improvement in the current and projected financial projections of the district. Specifically, the district has completed the 2024–25 school year with a total general fund balance of \$5.4 million and adopted a budget for the 2025–26 school year which would further increase their fund balance by \$2 million. The improved financial position is a direct result of clear, proactive financial leadership from the current superintendent, the hiring of key staff in leadership positions that have the knowledge, skills and ability to carry out their roles with fidelity, and improved controls over revenue projections, expenditure authority, and staffing decisions.

The Financial Oversight Committee recognizes that the district has worked to establish a much stronger foundation upon which to build financial success. This stronger foundation is evidenced by a combination of improved financial performance and better internal controls over staffing, budgeting, and expenditures. This foundational shift, combined with stronger fiscal projections, have led the FOC to recommend that the MSD be released from Enhanced Financial Oversight.

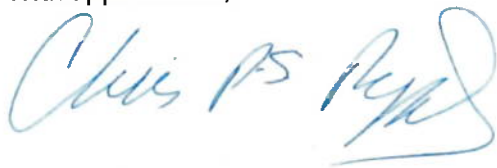
It is further recommended that MSD remain under state oversight through binding conditions. This is necessary to ensure that actual fiscal performance over the next twelve to eighteen months matches today's projections of fiscal performance for that period. Within the next 30 days, the district will be receiving an updated letter with new financial conditions for the remainder of the 2025–26 school year.

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I am pleased to act upon both recommendations of the FOC by releasing MSD from Enhanced Financial Oversight and replacing those restrictions with a more limited number of binding conditions. Should those conditions be met, my office will consider the formal release of MSD from state financial oversight in November 2026.

Congratulations on the establishment of a strong foundation of staff and processes that will give the district a much greater opportunity to realize ongoing financial sustainability. We truly appreciate all the hard work and attention to this matter for the benefit of Marysville students and the community.

With appreciation,

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Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction

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Ismael Vivanco (Dec 5, 2025 15:23:00 MST)

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