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Chris Reykdal, Superintendent

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

RE: Formal Release from Binding Conditions

Dear Superintendent Rumbaugh:

Since August 2023, Marysville School District (MSD) has been working in partnership with OSPI and Educational Service District 189 (NWESD) to improve the financial situation of the district through formal state financial oversight. MSD was originally placed under state oversight when their school board acknowledged that the district was projected to end the 2023–24 school year with a negative ending general fund balance of ($17,500,637). From August 2023 until August 2024, OSPI and NWESD worked with the district to obtain reliable financial projections and analysis upon which we could establish performance metrics to track progress.

In August 2024, MSD was placed under Enhanced Financial Oversight (EFO) due to its lack of positive financial performance, in addition to other factors. While under EFO, the district succeeded in working with a special administrator to implement staffing and business process changes that have resulted in a dramatic improvement in the financial health of the district. By January 2026, MSD had shown enough improvement to be removed from Enhanced Financial Oversight and returned to binding conditions, the lowest level of state oversight.

I am pleased to announce, based on financial performance during the 2025–26 school year and with the recommendation of OSPI fiscal staff and NWESD, the Marysville School District is released from binding conditions effective immediately. The district has made substantial progress over the last three years regarding its financial position, to the point that OSPI and NWESD no longer believe the district is at imminent risk of financial instability.

We congratulate the Marysville School District, its leadership, staff, school board, and the Marysville community for their significant efforts in changing the financial course of their district. In addition, we would like to provide special thanks to the contracted staff that helped support the district in various capacities through this journey.

With appreciation,

T.J. Kelly
Chief Financial Officer
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction