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April 15, 2019

Cheryl Irvin, Administrator  
Chris VanWinkle, School Board President  
Michigan Online School  
209 S. State Street  
Gobles, MI 49055

Dear Administrator Irvin and Board President VanWinkle:

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.

The district is required to meet the fund balance targets in this DEP. Failure to meet these targets will invalidate the plan. Department approval is granted based on the following contingencies:

- 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 current year budget amendments, along with the corresponding board resolution, within one week of adoption. Based on the budget amendment, the district may also have to amend the DEP.
- The district is required to submit Monthly Budgetary Control Reports to the Department. Please use the DEP tab labeled "Monthly Report 2018-19." The most recent monthly report must also be posted on your budget transparency page.
- If a deficit continues to exist at fiscal year end 2018-19, the district will be required to submit an updated DEP by July 31, 2019, or 30 days after the state school aid budget is passed, whichever comes later.
- If a deficit continues to exist at fiscal year end 2018-19, the district will be required to submit its pupil count information no later than one week after the fall count.

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

Questions and monthly reports may be directed to Chad Urchike at [urchikec1@michigan.gov](mailto:urchikec1@michigan.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Boone', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Philip L. Boone, Assistant Director  
Office of Financial Management

cc: Dave Zimmer, Financial Accountant, Michigan Online School  
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