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Mr. Glenn Maleyko, Superintendent
Dearborn City School District
18700 Audette Street
Dearborn, MI 48124

Dear Mr. Maleyko:

Congratulations! The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is releasing the following 2012 and/or 2013 Cohort school(s) from Focus School status:

Dearborn High School	William Ford Elementary School
Howe Trainable Center and Montessori	Woodworth Middle School
Salina Intermediate 4 - 8	

Your school's hard work and emphasis on data-driven decisions have narrowed the achievement gap between the top and bottom performing 30 percent of students in the above named focus school(s). Student achievement among the bottom 30 percent has improved and we hope this trend continues. However, a sense of urgency on these issues must remain for all schools and districts across Michigan. Our accountability system requires us all to focus on effective instructional practices and sustain the increases in student achievement made thus far. This is essential in order to meet our state's goal of 85 percent proficiency for all students by the 2021-22 school year.

All accountability requirements for this/these school(s) due to its Focus School status, including submission of the fourth quarter Quarterly Board Report, are immediately suspended. Although the released Focus School(s) will no longer be responsible for completing the Focus School Diagnostic in ASSIST, the MDE encourages schools to continue to focus on the implementation of a multi-tiered system of support, and with that, the impact of Tier One instruction and the implementation of Tier Two interventions.

If you need additional information about the transitioning of your accountability, please contact Stephen Best, Assistant Director of the Office of Education Improvement and Innovation at 517-373-8480 or bests1@michigan.gov.

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If you would like additional information about the metrics used to determine this Focus School release, please contact the Office of Evaluation, Strategic Research and Accountability (OESRA) at MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Whiston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Brian J. Whiston
State Superintendent

cc: Linda Forward, Director, OEII
Mr. Randy Liepa, Superintendent, Wayne RESA
Building Principals