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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor of Michigan
PO Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:


The Farmington Public School District anxiously awaits your 2010-2011 budget proposal for schools. We trust your recommendations will address the funding crisis that all school districts face in Michigan.

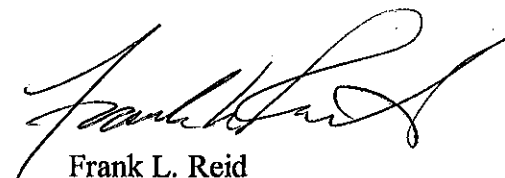
As you address funding for schools, we are hopeful that your budget proposal will restore 20j categorical funding. You were clear in your commitment to restore this funding if dollars became available. We understand that any proposal you make will need legislative support. However, we can't be more emphatic that this funding is critical in our district.

We are confident that you are working to address this crisis, which we estimate could result in a \$1,000 total reduction in our per pupil allowance as we face a potential budget deficit of \$19 million for the 2010-2011 school year. Any solution to this funding crisis needs to include the restoration of 20j categorical funding, per your promise. Michigan school districts have provided many suggestions on ways to address and reform school funding. We are willing to support your efforts to do so.

We look forward to your budget proposal next week and the reinstatement of our 20j funding.

Sincerely,


Susan H. Zurvalec
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