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Anthony Soto

Receiver, Holyoke Public Schools, Morgan Full Service Community School 57 Suffolk Street

Holyoke, MA 01040 Dear Anthony Soto:

I am writing to update you on the status of the turnaround plans for Holyoke Public Schools (HPS) and the Morgan Full Service Community School (Morgan).

On June 22, 2021, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted an amendment to 603 CMR 2.00: *Accountability and Assistance for School Districts and Schools.* The amendment allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) to refrain from issuing new accountability determinations for districts and schools for school year 2020-2021.

Instead of issuing new accountability determinations in fall 2021, the Department will use each district’s and school’s most recent accountability determination (from 2019), to ensure that they continue to receive support as needed. As a result, and consistent with 603 CMR 2.06 (6)(a), and 603 CMR 2.06 (7)(b), Morgan and HPS will each remain in chronically underperforming status and their respective turnaround plans will remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley

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Cc: Steve Moguel, Morgan Full Service Community School

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