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John Connolly

Lawrence Alliance for Education (LAE), Chair

c/o Lawrence Public Schools

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Dear Mr. Connolly:

On May 29, 2018, Lawrence Public Schools’ (LPS) three-year renewed turnaround plan will expire. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K(i) and 2.06 (12)(e), at the expiration of a Level 5 District turnaround plan, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education conducts a review of the district’s status to determine whether the district has improved sufficiently to be removed from Level 5, or remains in Level 5. I have determined that while there have been significant improvements in the district, LPS has not improved sufficiently to be removed from Level 5 status.

Pursuant to 603 CMR 2.06 (7)(b), the district’s renewed turnaround plan will remain in effect until the statutory process to develop any new, modified or renewed turnaround plan has been completed. The development of a new or renewed turnaround plan that reflects LPS’s current development and challenges is a critically important undertaking for the LAE. I look forward to working with you and LPS’s superintendent on the development of the new or renewed turnaround plan.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER RILEY**

Jeffrey C. Riley

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cc: Russell Johnston, Senior Associate Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Mary Lou Bergeron, Acting Superintendent, Lawrence Public Schools

Honorable Mayor Rivera, Chair, Lawrence Public Schools School Committee