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Gregg Weltz

Executive Director, School & Main Institute 95 Oceanside Drive

Scituate, MA 02066 Dear Gregg Weltz:

I am writing to update you on the status of the turnaround plan for John Avery Parker School (Parker).

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), Parker will remain in chronically underperforming status and the turnaround plan will remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley

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