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Dear Superintendent Durkin:

Thank you for your letter dated January 11, 2016 describing your plan to reassign the duties of the Turnaround Manager at the Parker School. The chart enclosed with your letter explains the rationale for your decision and demonstrates that the duties that had been assigned to the Turnaround Manager will be shared among you, the Chief Academic Officer and the Director of Supplemental Supports. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § lJ(t), I approve this new component to the Turnaround Plan for the Parker Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cc: Russell Johnston, Senior Associate Commissioner, Accountability, Partnerships &

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