



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
EDUCATION

May 23, 2024

Board of School Directors
Penn Hills School District
260 Aster Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Re: Termination of Moderate Financial Recovery Status

Dear Members of the Board of School Directors:

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (the "Department") is pleased to share with you the enclosed Declaration of Termination of Moderate Financial Recovery Status. The tremendous amount of work undertaken by the Penn Hills School District (the "District"), along with the collaboration with the Department, has resulted in movement into a new phase of monitoring.

Since the District was declared a Financial Recovery School District in February 2019, you, along with District administration, educators, and other school staff, as well as Dr. Matsook have worked diligently to improve the District's financial and academic conditions. Although the District has now exited its status as a Moderate Financial Recovery District, the work must continue.

The School District Financial Recovery Law requires that, after a school district's financial recovery status is terminated, the Chief Recovery Officer ("CRO") and the Department must oversee the Board of School Directors for a period of five years to ensure financial stability is maintained. 24 P.S. § 6-625-A(a). If at any time during this monitoring and oversight phase, the Board of School Directors fails to adhere to the objectives stated in the District's Financial Recovery Plan, the Secretary of Education must petition for the appointment of a receiver. 24 P.S. §6-625-A(b).

Accordingly, Dr. Matsook will remain in place as the Chief Recovery Officer and it is the Department's expectation that collaboration will continue to occur. The Department will continue to work closely with Dr. Matsook and District administration as they provide progress monitoring reports related to the District's financial and academic condition, as well as implementation of the objectives and initiatives set forth in the Financial Recovery Plan.

Moving forward, the Department will also continue to support the District and its community's efforts through training and technical assistance, as well as support around future financial analyses. The Department stands at the ready to assist the District in its critical work as it transitions into the monitoring phase.

Thank you for all the work that you do on behalf of the District and its students.

Sincerely,

Khalid N. Mumin, Ed.D.
Secretary

cc: Daniel J. Matsook, Ed.D., Chief Recovery Officer
Dr. John P. Mozzocio, Superintendent