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## GaDOE November update shows meaningful progress in DCS deficit reduction efforts

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**DUBLIN (GA) – November 15, 2025** – Dublin City Schools has issued the following statement in response to State School Superintendent Richard Woods' November correspondence outlining the Georgia Department of Education's (GaDOE) latest updates to the district's Financial Improvement Plan (FIP).

The district appreciates Superintendent Woods' continued communication and the guidance provided by GaDOE as Dublin City Schools works through the corrective actions outlined in the plan. Over recent months, the district has made meaningful progress in several critical areas identified in previous letters and reports.

Dublin City Schools has successfully completed multiple required tasks, including recording all outstanding liabilities in the district's general ledger, responding in full to auditor requests for the FY23 audit, submitting required Certified/Classified Personnel Information (CPI) data, and advancing implementation of the Capital Asset module in SmartFusion. The district has also improved internal financial processes, strengthened documentation practices, and continued to work closely with GaDOE's Special Advisor and its interim Chief Financial Officer to ensure each corrective step is carried out accurately and efficiently.

In addition, the district acknowledges the continuing importance of federal grant budget updates, monthly drawdowns, and the reconciliation of employee and employer SHBP deductions—all of which remain active priorities. Dublin City Schools also recognizes the need to expand its financial staffing and training plan to support long-term stability and reduce dependence on daily state-level support.

Interim Superintendent Marcee Pool reaffirmed the district's commitment to meeting every benchmark outlined by GaDOE.

"We are grateful for Superintendent Woods' detailed update and for the continued support provided by the Georgia Department of Education," said Pool. "Dublin City Schools is fully committed to completing every requirement in the Financial Improvement Plan, and our team is working diligently with GaDOE, our interim CFO, and our auditors each day to ensure our district returns to a sound financial footing. We are focused not only on meeting today's expectations but on building a stronger, more sustainable financial future for the students and families we serve."

The district remains committed to transparency as it continues its work. Dublin City Schools will maintain open communication with its Board of Education, staff, families, and community as additional progress is made and as long-term planning continues.

