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Mr. Lamont E. Johnson, President  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

In accordance with Chapter 10 of the Laws of 2020 (P. 1488), which requires the State Education Department to monitor the financial health of school districts ("monitoring"), the State Education Department ("SED") has provided you with a monitoring report for the 2021-22 school year. Using the State's model budget as the basis for this analysis, Dr. Johnson has found that the proposed budget is balanced within the context of the State's estimates, which Dr. Johnson has updated to reflect the State's enacted budget for fiscal year 2021-22. Mr. Johnson has also found that to the greatest extent possible, the proposed budget is consistent with the district's approved academic and financial plans. Dr. Johnson has shared these findings with you and the other members of the Board of Education.

Because Dr. Johnson has not submitted to me any recommendations regarding the proposed budget, the District is now required to make available on the District's website the initial proposed budget, the monitor's findings, and the final approved budget no later than 10 days prior to the date of the District's budget hearing.

I wish to congratulate the Board of Education for the development of a proposed budget that the monitor has found to be balanced and consistent with the District's approved financial plan. As Dr. Johnson has indicated, the 2021-22 school year is an unprecedented one in terms of the unprecedented infusion of State and Federal resources into the District, and the Board of Education must be diligent in ensuring that the District remains on track to long-term fiscal stability once these resources are no longer available.

We look forward to approval of the proposed budget and to continuing to work with you to ensure that all students in the District receive the support they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa  
Commissioner

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