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October 6, 2016

Dr. Stephen Zrike, Receiver  
Holyoke Public Schools  
57 Suffolk Street  
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Re: Turnaround Plan for Holyoke Public Schools

Dear Dr. Zrike:

I have reviewed your request to modify the district Turnaround Plan for Holyoke Public Schools to simplify the titles of the plan's priority areas and revise the titles of specific staff members and support teams. (See attached Holyoke Public Schools Level 5 District Turnaround Plan Modifications dated September 23, 2016.)

As you noted, these changes are refinements to existing language, after a year of learning. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the proposal, and pursuant to G.L. c. 69, § 1K(h), I am modifying the Holyoke Public Schools Turnaround Plan to revise names of priority areas and titles of specific staff members and support teams. The work and the essence of the plan remain the same, and the modifications represent a change in terminology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Chester".

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education