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Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner

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Dr. Stephen Zrike, Receiver
Holyoke Public Schools
57 Suffolk Street
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Dear Dr. Zrike:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K (j) and 603 CMR 2.00, I have determined that the Holyoke Public Schools will remain in chronically underperforming status and the turnaround plan will be renewed for a three year period. The renewed turnaround plan is attached.

The authority of the Holyoke Public Schools School Committee to establish policies for the district; to make employment decisions; to approve budget transfers, encumbrances, and expenditures; to enter into any contracts; and to take any other action remains suspended for the duration of the receivership. Under state law, the receiver exercises all the powers of the superintendent and the school committee.

You will continue to exercise the authority of receiver for the district. Please feel free to contact Senior Associate Commissioner Russell Johnston (781-338-3564 or RJohnston@doe.mass.edu) if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Riley".

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cc: Honorable Mayor Alex Morse, City of Holyoke
Russell Johnston, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education