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**VIA EMAIL**

The Honorable Sabina Matos  
Council President  
Providence City Council  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: *Providence Public School District***

Dear Council President Matos:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 4, 2019 regarding the Providence Public School District ("PPSD") and the City Council's interest in working collaboratively with me as I carry out the powers and authority granted to me pursuant to The Paul W. Crowley Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative, R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-7.1-5 (the "Crowley Act") and the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education's July 23, 2019 delegation of authority.

As my Order of Control and Reconstitution dated October 15, 2019 provides, I have assumed control and decision-making authority over the budget, program and personnel of PPSD and its schools. I am committed to doing that collaboratively with the City of Providence. In doing so, I specifically intend to provide the City Council a full briefing on the Turnaround Plan once it is finalized. Furthermore, I specifically intend to provide the City Council annual updates on school facilities and academic achievement, and to collaborate with the City Council with respect to PPSD's budget.

Either I or the State Turnaround Superintendent, when appointed, will provide the City Council an annual report on investments and conditions of school facilities, and an annual report detailing student academic growth and performance for that year. Furthermore, either I or the State Turnaround Superintendent will coordinate with you on the scheduling of an annual public City Council meeting for the purpose of reviewing PPSD's annual budget. The State Turnaround Superintendent or I will provide you with an annual budget in advance of the meeting and one of us (or our designee) will present an overview of the budget at that meeting and will be available to respond to any relevant budgetary questions that the City Council may have at that meeting.

I look forward to collaborating with you on these matters.

Sincerely,



Angélica Infante-Green,  
Commissioner, R.I. Department  
of Elementary and Secondary Education