

Dear Staff,

On January 4, 2010 a five-bill legislative package reforming Michigan's education system was signed. The education reform laws allow the state to intervene in the lowest-performing schools. As you are aware, your school was identified by the state of Michigan as a Priority School and was required to develop and submit an approvable school redesign plan to the Michigan Department of Education. Failure to successfully implement an approved redesign plan will result in your school being placed under the authority of the state's new Education Achievement Authority.

In order to support Priority Schools in implementing redesign plans, the District is required to set aside 20% of the LEA Title I allocation. For schools that are implementing a transformation or turnaround reform model, the District is required to utilize the funds to provide increased learning time for all student of Priority Schools. With that being said, Detroit Public Schools will extend the school year of Priority Schools to July 12, 2013. The extended year will occur in lieu of summer school in Priority Schools only. If you are unable to comply with the plan for increased learning time in Priority Schools, you are advised to opt out of your current school assignment for the additional four weeks.

Priority Schools require staff members who are fully committed to participating in this critical turnaround effort. Considering the imminent consequence for failure to fully and successfully implement your school's approved redesign plan, it is imperative that you determine if you are willing to commit to this endeavor. Therefore, you are advised to notify the District of your intent to opt out of your current school assignment for the additional four weeks no later than December 17, 2012.

Please complete, sign and return the opt-out form below to your building principal no later than December 17, 2012.

Name _____

School _____

Position _____

I, _____, understand the level of commitment required in Priority Schools. Unfortunately, I am unable to commit to this endeavor and am requesting to opt out of my current school assignment for the additional four weeks.

Signature _____

Date _____

***Please do not respond to this request should you opt to remain in your current school assignment for the 2012-2013 school year.**