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Ms. Carol McIntosh
President
Flint Community Schools Board of Education
923 East Kearsley Street
Flint, MI 48503

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

Despite our mutual interest in supporting the children who live in the city of Flint with strong educational options and new buildings, we are all now challenged with how to move forward. Because we are a grantmaking institution, we always work with other agencies and organizations to deliver services that our funding supports. It's how we do our work.

We absolutely respect the authority of the elected board to make any critical decisions deemed necessary to effectively lead the district. However, we also always have a responsibility to manage resources granted by the Mott Foundation in order to ensure that activities and outcomes meet both the purpose of the grant agreement and the requirements of the IRS. Based on the Flint Community Schools Board of Education June 16th resolution:

“the Superintendent must cease all communication, as well as meetings (in-person, virtually or over the telephone) with all partners and community foundations as well as affiliates of partners and community foundations, without the presence of the Board President and his or her designee.”


we must reluctantly pause all grants. In addition, community partners must be able to communicate with district leaders to ensure smooth and effective programming. While we would usually be processing a grant to Michigan State University K-12 Outreach for support with technical assistance within FCS, Cranbrook Educational Community for science support, Crim Fitness Foundation for community education and Genesee Area Focus Fund for YouthQuest Afterschool programming, we cannot make those grants without contact with the superintendent and a partnership with FCS.

The one exception we make to this is that we will approve three-month grants to the Crim for community education and GAFF for YouthQuest that began June 28th and are crucial to Flint parents who are seeking to engage their children during the summer. We do not want to disrupt those families who are depending on this support and would lose it without notice. However, if FCS is not interested in future Foundation funding, parents should be notified that community

education and afterschool programs will no longer be available through Foundation funding when school begins in August.

Please know that we would truly like to work with FCS again. If the district chooses to communicate and partner, we will continue to engage in a meaningful and collaborative way, focused on creating great outcomes for children. We look forward to the district's direction in that regard.

Sincerely,



Ridgway White
President

