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October 18, 2018

Dr. Marcia Lyles  
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Jersey City School District  
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Dear Dr. Lyles:

Congratulations on the continued progress Jersey City Public Schools (JCPS) has made to prepare for local control. The transition to local control is governed by N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-49 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30-7.2 through 7.4. Pursuant to these provisions, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) has collaborated with the district to develop a plan that will fully transition the district to local oversight by the School Board. To this end, the Department has developed a comprehensive transition plan, which identifies fundamental considerations of the overall transition, provides detailed transition guidance on the recently returned domain of Instruction & Program, and includes additional guidance for the four Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) areas already under local control. The Department has developed this plan in collaboration with the District and with local input from Transition Committee meetings.

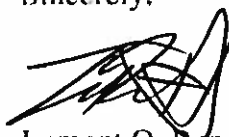
The transition will be formally effective on October 25, 2018. The comprehensive transition plan includes a detailed timeline and set of milestones to guide the district's transition over a period of two years.

The State moved forward in a timely manner to develop this transition plan, due to the positive trends reflected in the results of Jersey City's most recent QSAC reviews. These results show that there is substantial evidence that the district has the adequate programs, policies, and personnel in place to ensure that demonstrated progress is sustained. The goal of any transition plan is to ensure that with the return of new responsibilities, the district is able to further build on the progress it has made in recent years. With the delivery of the attached transition plan, and the presentation of this plan at the district's local public board meeting this evening, October 18, 2018, it is my belief that the district and Jersey City School Board are prepared to assume this duty.

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Again, I would like to extend my congratulations to the district staff, board members and the Jersey City community for this milestone. As Jersey City moves towards full local control, I encourage you to make each and every decision with a focus on the best interests of Jersey City's children and commit to you that the NJDOE will be here to support your efforts.

Sincerely,



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