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Dr. Kerri L. Briggs  
Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Dr. Briggs,

Enclosed is the Michigan's proposal to participate in the growth model pilot for determining whether schools and school districts are making adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) for the 2007-08 school year. Implementation of a growth model is a high priority for the Michigan Department of Education.

I believe strongly that participation in the pilot will strengthen Michigan's school accountability system. In particular, it will enhance the system's ability to achieve one of its central purposes: namely, to close the achievement gaps. Our proposal is fully consistent with and will enhance our success in meeting the underlying purpose and core principles of NCLB.

Thank you and your staff for your consideration of this proposal. As you review the proposal, please feel free to contact Dr. Joseph Martineau, Interim Director of the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability, by telephone at (517) 241-4710 or by email at [MartineauJ@michigan.gov](mailto:MartineauJ@michigan.gov). Dr. Martineau can provide additional information or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Flanagan  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Enclosures

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