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Doug Ringler, Director
Office of Internal Audit Services
Office of the State Budget
George W. Romney Building
111 South Capitol, 6th Floor
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Director:

In accordance with the State of Michigan, Financial Management Guide, Part VII, attached is a summary table identifying our responses and corrective action plans to address recommendations contained within the Office of the Auditor General's audit report of the Department of Technology, Management & Budget, Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Questions regarding the summary table or corrective action plans should be directed to me.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Mike Gilliland, Director
Financial Services

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Senator Roger Kahn, Chair, Senate Appropriations
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Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System
DTMB – Office of Retirement Services
DTMB – Financial Services
Summary of Agency Responses to Recommendations
Audit Period: September 30, 2012 and September 30, 2011.

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1. Audit recommendations DTMB fully complied with: None
2. Audit recommendations DTMB agrees with and will comply: #1
3. Audit recommendations DTMB disagrees with: None

Recommendation No. 1 – Controls Over State Financial Reporting:

DTMB agrees with the recommendation, but notes that the initial \$19.5 million misclassification in the draft financial statements was corrected in the State's accounting records and the published financial statements were accurate. During the fiscal year Financial Services (FS) implemented a significant change to how Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Plans were reported. As a result, significant additional staff effort was required to ensure that the activity was properly reflected in the financial statements. Since the issuance of the audit report, Financial Services, the Office of Retirement Services (ORS), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and the Office of Organizational Performance (OPM) have formed a Business Process Reengineering Team focused on implementing various control enhancements and tracking the corrective action plan's progress. DTMB will continue to revisit existing financial statement preparation and review processes to enhance existing controls, and update MPSERS's CAFR timelines to ensure that the audited CAFR will be submitted by the deadline required by State law.