

Subject: Fwd:

Date: Monday, August 8, 2016 at 1:04:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Veronica Conforme

To: Robert Guttersohn

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Khouri, Nick (TREASURY)" <KhouriN@michigan.gov>

To: Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org>

Subject: Re:

Date: March 10, 2016 at 2:42:05 PM EST

Will do

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 10, 2016, at 2:17 PM, Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org> wrote:

Judge Rhodes just asked about this and he is unaware that we are not planning on paying for this year, As per my conversation with the Governor. Can you bring him up to speed?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2016, at 1:56 PM, Khouri, Nick (TREASURY) <KhouriN@michigan.gov> wrote:

Got it

Steve Rhodes can approve starting Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2016, at 12:53 PM, Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org> wrote:

Darnell's last day is on Monday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 26, 2016, at 8:24 PM, Khouri, Nick
(TREASURY) <KhouriN@michigan.gov> wrote:

Tom Saxton is checking into the details

Sorry, I missed that there was a immediate
deadline

What's causing the deadline?

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 26, 2016, at 5:01 PM,
Veronica Conforme
<VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org>
wrote:

Hi Nick,

Need to know where we are on
the lease question as we are
approaching deadline.

Veronica
917 374 2279
Sent from my iPhone

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Shani Penn

From: Veronica Conforme
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Shani Penn
Subject: Fwd: Lease Agreement Amendment

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Khouri, Nick (TREASURY)" <KhouriN@michigan.gov>
To: Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org>
Subject: Re: Lease Agreement Amendment
Date: February 24, 2016 at 5:28:52 PM EST

Thanks Veronica

Let me check into it and get back to you in a couple of days

Call anytime

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 24, 2016, at 12:50 PM, Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org> wrote:

Treasurer Khouri,

Good to see you last night. Thanks for taking the time to connect.

As discussed, please find attached the lease agreement amendment.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Veronica

Re: Phone Call (Tonight)

Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org>

Fri 12/4/2015 1:48 PM

To: Shani Penn <SPenn@eaaofmichigan.org>; Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org>;

Cc: Darnell Earley <darnell.earley@detroitk12.org>; Peter Remington <premington@remingtongroup1.com>; David Donaldson <DDonaldson@eaaofmichigan.org>; Harry Pianko <hpianko@eaaofmichigan.org>; Rian English-Barnhill <REnglish@eaaofmichigan.org>; Rich Baird <bairdr@michigan.gov>; Delores Brown <delores.brown@detroitk12.org>; Marios Demetriou <marios.demetriou@detroitk12.org>;

Shani,

I understand and support the need to speak with a unified voice as we move through the coming months. However, we must also be committed to ensuring that what we communicate accurately reflects the facts that exist and that both parties give final sign off on communications materials when appropriate.

The revised statement is based on the updates that Mr. Earley provided in his 9:55 a.m. email (within this email string). We have no issue with removing the date reference in the statement.

Michelle

Michelle A. Zdrodowski

Executive Director of Communications

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3011 W. Grand Boulevard, 14th Floor

Detroit, MI 48202

313.873.3238, office

313.421.2831, mobile

From: Shani Penn <SPenn@eaaofmichigan.org>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 1:20 PM

To: Michelle Zdrodowski; Veronica Conforme

Cc: Darnell Earley; Peter Remington; David Donaldson; Harry Pianko; Rian English-Barnhill; Rich Baird; Delores Brown; Marios Demetriou

Subject: Re: Phone Call (Tonight)

Michelle,

I am not comfortable with including dates in press releases. Is this a normal practice of DPS?

As both Darnell and Veronica have been and will continue to work together to improve education for the children in Detroit, it is important that both Comm's teams continue to do this as well. We have to make sure our messaging reflect a unite front since we are partners. The community needs to see this.

I think that both principals should talk and make the final determination of what should be sent in sync.

Darnell- Do you have time to chat with Veronica by phone today to discuss what changed you sent the email approving the draft that the EAA sent on last night?

David- Please assist with scheduling.

Shani

From: Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 12:25 PM

To: Veronica Conforme

Cc: Shani Penn; Darnell Earley; Peter Remington; David Donaldson; Harry Pianko; Rian English-Barnhill; Rich Baird; Delores Brown; Marios Demetriou

Subject: Re: Phone Call (Tonight)

All,

Below is the statement that Mr. Earley feels more accurately reflects the situation and that he is comfortable with releasing.

The Education Achievement Authority currently has a payment plan in place with Detroit Public Schools that will see the outstanding lease payments owed to the District paid off by April of 2106. The total amount of these lease payments was determined based on the reimbursement to DPS for debt service on operating debt based on the students that transferred over to the EAA when it was established three years ago.

Thanks,

Michelle

Michelle A. Zdrodowski

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From: Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaafmichigan.org>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 10:35 AM

To: Michelle Zdrodowski

Cc: Shani Penn; Darnell Earley; Peter Remington; David Donaldson; Harry Pianko; Rian English-Barnhill; Rich Baird; Delores Brown; Marios Demetriou

Subject: Re: Phone Call (Tonight)

We will change to students and are awaiting your other input.

On Dec 4, 2015, at 10:27 AM, Michelle Zdrodowski <michelle.zdrodowski@detroitk12.org> wrote:

Two things, please:

- 1) I would just ask that you strike the word "kids" and insert the word "students"
- 2) I need to check one thing with Mr. Earley. If you could please hold off on sending until I respond back. Should not take me long to get back with you.

Thanks.
Michelle

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From: Shani Penn <SPenn@eaafmichigan.org>

Sent: Friday, December 4, 2015 10:10 AM

To: Darnell Earley; Veronica Conforme; Peter Remington; David Donaldson; Harry Pianko; Rian English-Barnhill

Cc: Michelle Zdrodowski; Baird, Richard (GOV); Delores Brown; Marios Demetriou

Subject: RE: Phone Call (Tonight)

Thank you for your confirmation.

Looping in Harry (CFO) and Rian (Manager of External Communications).

We will move forward with the statement below:

The Education Achievement Authority is current on DPS rent.

Rent was determined based on the reimbursement to DPS for debt service on operating debt based on the kids that came over to the EAA 3 (three) years ago. It is termed rent because EAA has the buildings.

During the time this agreement was made, DPS was in a good cash position and the timetable for repayment was a mutual agreement.

-Veronica Conforme

I noticed that Delores and Michelle Z is on the email, so it seems that everyone is on the same page.

SJP

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Darnell Earley <darnell.earley@detroitk12.org>

Date: 12/4/2015 9:55 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Shani Penn <SPenn@eaafmichigan.org>, Veronica Conforme <VConforme@eaafmichigan.org>, Peter Remington <premington@remingtongroup1.com>, David Donaldson <DDonaldson@eaafmichigan.org>

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Good Morning Shani:

It is my understanding that the status of the EAA lease payment deferral plan is as follows:

- Deferral of lease payments was discussed with me last summer and was agreed upon, thus we acknowledge that there was always a payment plan in place
- EAA delayed the original plan of paying \$2,000,000 in November and \$1,000,000 monthly thereafter until the balance was paid in full in March
- The newly proposed plan at this time is to pay \$1,000,000 on the 11th of December and pay \$1,000,000 a month until the lease is paid in full

If this understanding conflicts with EAA's interpretation of any of the facts regarding this matter, please contact me.

DE

Darnell Earley, ICMA-CM, MPA
Emergency Manager
Detroit Public Schools

From: Shani Penn <SPenn@eaaofmichigan.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2015 10:03 PM
To: Darnell Earley; Veronica Conformer; Peter Remington; David Donaldson
Subject: Phone Call (Tonight)

Darnell,

Veronica is currently on a plane and asked me to email you to let you know that she will be calling you tonight when she lands.

She wanted me to let you know that the EAA received a call from FOX 2 inquiring about a \$5M past due rent payment to DPS.

From our understanding per a conversation you had with Rich Baird there was an installment agreement, and we are currently up to date on that agreement to our knowledge.

Statement draft:

We would like to release the following statement on tomorrow regarding the allegation that the EAA is past due on a DPS rent payment and like you to review and confirm that DPS agrees with our understanding.

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Please confirm that this is direct and that you agree.

Shani

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Fwd: Documents for Rich & Nick

Veronica Conforme

Mon 8/8/2016 1:14 PM

To: Robert Guttersohn <rguttersohn@eaaofmichigan.org>;

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: Re: Documents for Rich & Nick**From:** Veronica Conforme <vconforme@eaaofmichigan.org>**Date:** June 16, 2016 at 1:06:23 PM EDT**Cc:** "Khouri, Nick (TREASURY)" <KhouriN@michigan.gov>, Rich Baird <bairdr@michigan.gov>, Jeremy Vidito <JVidito@eaaofmichigan.org>**To:** "Saxton, Thomas (Treasury)" <SaxtonT@michigan.gov>

Thomas,

Your assumptions are correct. Assuming all (rent/debt service) is waived.

- The EAA is not asking for the \$1mm paid last year to be applied to current 2016-17 expenses.
- The EAA will repay 2015-16 accrued (telecom, police, insurance) expenses between June 2016 - April 2017.
- The EAA will pay 2016-17 expenses during the year between October 2016 - August 2017.

We can extend payment thru August because the EAA as entity will continue to receive state aid payments thru August 2017 for the 2016-2017 school year.

Thanks again,

Veronica

On Jun 16, 2016, at 12:41 PM, Saxton, Thomas (Treasury) <SaxtonT@michigan.gov> wrote:

Veronica – to clarify (re the 2nd “Request” item)... EAA is not asking for the \$1mm paid last year to be applied to the 2016-17 expenses [?]. As I mentioned that amount was applied to FY 15 outstanding amounts owed DPS by EAA. Your memo reflects an 8 month pay schedule for the amounts EAA did not pay for in the current FY 15/16 and then a 2nd 11 month schedule to reflect pay for services anticipated in FY16/17. ... so that DPS/NewCo will be receiving nearly \$1.9mm in cash in FY16/17 from EAA. Please let me know if I am misinterpreting the EAA proposal.

Also, on the 2nd page at the end... shouldn't that Oct 31, 2016 date be June 30, 2016 ?

From: Veronica Conforme [<mailto:VConforme@eaaofmichigan.org>]**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2016 12:17 PM**To:** Khouri, Nick (TREASURY) <KhouriN@michigan.gov>; Baird, Richard (GOV) <bairdr@michigan.gov>; Saxton, Thomas (Treasury) <SaxtonT@michigan.gov>**Subject:** Fwd: Documents for Rich & Nick

Hello Everyone,

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Thanks,

Veronica

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VC

Veronica Conforme

6/16/2016

Nick Khouri <KhouriN@michigan.gov>; Rich Baird <bairdr@michigan.gov>; Saxto

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