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Commissioner Tom Hanson
Minnesota Department of Finance
400 Centennial Building
658 Cedar Street
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Hanson:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to inform you that the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system has achieved all five of the performance goals specified in Laws of Minnesota 2007, Chapter 144, Section 4, Subdivision 2. Specifics on the goals and system achievements include:

(1) Students in STEM Courses

Goal: Increase by at least three percent, compared to fiscal year 2005, the number of students who take college level courses in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Achievement: Enrollment in college level STEM courses increased by 3.2 percent between fiscal year 2005 and preliminary fiscal year 2008.

(2) Students in Center of Excellence Courses

Goal: Increase by at least two percent, compared to fiscal year 2005, enrollment in courses at the four existing Center of Excellence programs.

Achievement: Enrollment in the centers of excellence increased by 2.3 percent between fiscal year 2005 and 2007.

(3) Students Trained on Electronic Medical Record Technology

Goal: Increase by at least 700, compared to fiscal year 2007, the number of students trained on the use of electronic medical record technology.

Achievement: The number of students trained on electronic medical record technology increased by 971 between fiscal year 2007 and preliminary fiscal year 2008.

(4) Online Courses

Goal: Increase by at least 10 percent, compared to fiscal year 2007, the number of students taking online courses or the number of online courses offered.

Achievement: Enrollment in online courses increased by 11.3 percent between fiscal year 2007 and preliminary fiscal year 2008.

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(5) Awards of Excellence

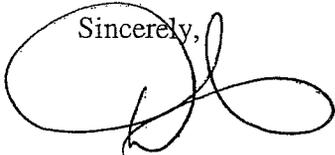
Goal: Expand by at least ten percent, compared to calendar year 2006, the use of "awards of excellence" or other initiatives that reward member institutions, faculty, administrators, or staff for innovations designed to advance excellence and efficiency.

Achievement: The number of awards of excellence increased by 277.5 percent between calendar year 2006 and 2007.

The language in the act specified that 1 percent of the appropriation is available after the board demonstrates the system has achieved at least three of the goals. Since the system has achieved all five goals, I request the release of 1 percent of the system's appropriation.

We appreciate the challenge that these performance goals presented and the opportunity to work with your staff in demonstrating system achievement of them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Olson', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

David C. Olson, Chair

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