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September 15, 2016

Mr. Blake Prewitt, Superintendent
Ferndale Public Schools
871 Pincrest
Ferndale MI 48220

Dear Mr. Prewitt:

Ferndale Public Schools has been selected for a focused monitoring on-site review in the 2016-2017 school year. Pursuant to the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) 2004, §§ 300.600 and 300.149(a)(1)(2), the Office of Special Education (OSE) must review policies, procedures and practices related to Significant Disproportionality — Discipline.

Selection of your district was made as a result of a review of your 2014-2015 special education student data submission in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). These data pertain to the disproportionate discipline of students with an individualized education program (IEP) who are:

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Below is information regarding your local's on-site review:

Date(s): October 24, 2016
Team Lead: Maureen Hockstra
Contact information: mhockstra@gmail.com

The team lead will contact your special education administrator in advance to review the procedures for the visit. Please reserve time on your calendar at the conclusion of the visit to review the team's preliminary observations.

The district is referred to the following presentation on the [CIMS Website](http://cims.cenmi.org/FM.aspx) (<http://cims.cenmi.org/FM.aspx>): *How to Prepare for a Focused Monitoring Onsite Visit*.

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It is our expectation that the process of focused monitoring and the results will be highly beneficial for your delivery of services to students with an IEP. If you have questions, please contact Jeanne Anderson Tippett with your specific concerns at andersontippettj@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teri L. Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "C".

Teri L. Chapman, Ed.S., Director
Office of Special Education