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Dear Chairman Pavlov,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 4325 S-1 Draft 3. The Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) fully supports the incorporation of an ISD Administrative Option for districts that have the potential for fiscal stress. Michigan's Intermediate School Districts have historically supported increased ISD involvement in a variety of programs such as Great Start Readiness, career and technical education and technology readiness. We are ready and willing to again expand our duties and meet the requirements outlined in the substitute.

The addition of an ISD Administrative Option allows districts to have a local option to correct their financial matters before being faced with a deficit situation. This is particularly important to include in this package of bills due to the changes schools will face when entering into PA 436, the Emergency Manager Law. Under the changes to PA 436 in the package, schools would bypass the local measures of the bill designed to keep them out of a financial emergency. The addition of the ISD Administrative Option restores these local measures, provides local control, and helps mitigate the number of schools that would find themselves in a financial emergency under PA 436.

We look forward to working with you on this legislation.



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