

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS

WHEREAS, I, Ronald J. Tomalis, Secretary of Education, state and declare that I am aware of the financial condition of the Harrisburg City School District (the "District"), the administrative practices of the elected board of school directors, and other pertinent matters concerning the District; and

1. **WHEREAS**, the Department, throughout the 2011-2012 school year provided extensive technical assistance to the District related to financial and budgetary matters; and

2. **WHEREAS**, the District lacks a long-term plan to address its financial difficulties and to become fiscally self-sufficient; and

3. **WHEREAS**, on August 22, 2012, Dr. Carolyn C. Dumaresq, Deputy Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, issued a Preliminary Declaration of Financial Recovery Status to the District and the District was afforded an opportunity to be heard; and

4. **WHEREAS**, the District requested a hearing to contest the Preliminary Declaration, which was held on October 3, 2012; and

5. **WHEREAS**, the record of the proceedings, including stipulated facts and briefs was certified to me by the hearing officer; and

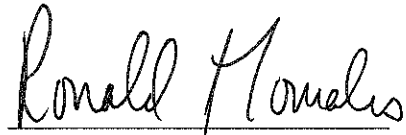
6. **WHEREAS**, on this date, I have issued a Decision and Order upholding the Preliminary Declaration of Moderate Financial Recovery Status; and

7. **WHEREAS**, the District requested and received multiple advances of its basic education subsidy, in 2009, 2010 and 2011; and

8. **WHEREAS**, the District has an average daily membership in excess of or greater than 7,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 13th day of December, 2012, in consideration of the facts described herein, I make the following declaration:

The Harrisburg City School District is in Moderate Financial Recovery Status as defined in section 621-A(a)(1)(i)(A) of the Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 6-621-A(a)(1)(i)(A), and is subject to the provisions of Article VI-A of the Public School Code that apply to Moderate Financial Recovery School Districts as defined in section 651-A, 24 P.S. § 6-651-A.



Ronald J. Tomalis
Secretary of Education