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The Honorable Randy Richardville
Michigan Senate
205 Farnum Building
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Dear Senator Richardville:

Recently Ms. Teri Ambes from your office contacted the Department of Treasury's Legislative Affairs Office and was referred to the Student Financial Services (SFS) Bureau. Her concern dealt with the Michigan Promise Scholarship payments to Middle College students who may receive a high school diploma and an associate's degree concurrently. Specifically, she was seeking clarification as to when these students will receive their Michigan Promise Scholarship funds.

As you may be aware, the state currently has two Middle Colleges, Washtenaw Technical Middle College at Washtenaw Community College and Mott Middle College. It is estimated that approximately 130 students from the high school graduating class of 2007 will graduate from these two Middle Colleges with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

The Michigan Promise Scholarship is intended to reward students who successfully complete two years of postsecondary education regardless of when the two years of postsecondary education were obtained.

It is SFS's intent that students will be eligible for a Michigan Promise Scholarship under either MCL 390.1625 or MCL 390.1626. The full scholarship amount of \$4,000 will be awarded to students upon receipt of their high school diploma and associate's degree, and after submission of their written certification and application. Payments are made directly to the institution beginning mid-October. The Michigan Department of Education and the Governor's advisor on education have indicated support for this approach.

If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (517) 335-0994.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas F. Saxton".

Thomas F. Saxton
Deputy State Treasurer

cc: Robert J. Kleine, State Treasurer
Larry Steckelberg, Legislative Liaison
Pat Scott, Director, Student Financial Services