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Dear Clerk James,

We are pleased to submit this *Report of the Foundation Budget Review Commission*, established under MGL Chapter 70, Section 4. Pursuant to *Section 278 of Chapter 165 of the Acts of 2014*, as recently amended by *Section 131 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015*, the Commission is required to file a final report by November 1, 2015. A copy of the report must also be submitted to the Joint Committee on Education.

The Commission's report recommends significant updates to the way the state calculates the per pupil cost of delivering a quality education in Massachusetts, including investments necessary to close the achievement gap. The findings and recommendations included in this report were adopted by acclamation on October 26, 2015 by the Commission.

Sincerely,


Alice Hanlon Peisch
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