

John R. Kasich, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Sophia Speelman
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Dear Sophia Speelman,

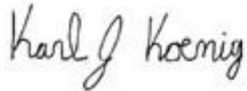
As you are aware, community schools with continued poor academic performance are subject to automatic closure¹. With the release of the 2017-2018 Report Card, data shows that one of your sponsored schools is at risk of falling subject to the closure criteria as indicated below:

School IRN	School Name	Criterion
000770	Maritime Academy of Toledo, The	"F" on Performance Index and "D or F" on AMO (Gap Closing)

We ask that you inform the school's Governing Authority and the school's administration that the school is at risk of closure if the school meets the criterion for closure based upon results from the 2018-2019 report card. Please also inform them that the school will be required to submit to a School Improvement Plan to the Department by December 21, 2018. The plan should focus on strategies to address the root cause(s) that led to the at-risk-of-closure status.

If you, the Governing Authority or the staff need any assistance concerning the application of the closure criteria or the plan, please contact our office at Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov or 614-466-7058.

Sincerely,



Karl J. Koenig
Director
Office of Community Schools

cc: Office of Community School Sponsor Consultant
Office of Accountability

¹ Ohio Revised Code 3314.35 and 3314.351, respectively.