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Mr. Eliezer Ramos Parés
Secretary
Puerto Rico Department of Education

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104(c) of PROMESA Regarding PRDE's Multi-Year Financial Plan

Dear Secretary Ramos Parés:

The Oversight Board writes to follow up on its request for the Puerto Rico Department of Education's ("PRDE") final and updated financial plan for Fiscal Year 2027 and the following five fiscal years addressing the funding of recurring programs, services, and activities previously supported, in whole or in part, by non-recurring federal funds. The Oversight Board requested the financial plan in its letter dated May 16, 2025,¹ and the submission remains outstanding. The requested plan is necessary to evaluate PRDE's current and projected funding needs, support appropriate budgetary adjustments, and promote the long-term fiscal sustainability and continuity of educational services.

During 2025, the Oversight Board and PRDE exchanged several communications and held meetings regarding these matters, including PRDE's plan to transition recurring expenditures to sustainable funding sources. On May 16, 2025, the Oversight Board requested that PRDE submit, by May 23, 2025, a final and detailed year-by-year plan for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025 and the following five fiscal years addressing the existing funding gaps. The requested plan was required to explain how PRDE would fund recurring activities supported by non-recurring federal funds and identify the specific funding source allocated to each recurring activity, together with corresponding dollar amounts.

¹ Oversight Board's Letter dated May 16, 2025 at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c2y8B96UiCph6bW1EsxqsFdQljdc-LCp/view>.

On May 27, 2025, PRDE indicated that it was prioritizing completion of the requested multi-year financial plan but required additional time to provide it. PRDE further stated that it was working across its various offices to develop the plan and ensure it was tied to a broader strategic plan being developed.

More than one year later, the Oversight Board has not received the final and detailed multi-year financial plan requested in the May 16, 2025 letter. The PRDE's failure to submit the plan prevents the Oversight Board from fully assessing how PRDE intends to sustainably fund recurring expenditures previously supported by temporary federal funds and the magnitude of any remaining or projected funding gaps.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 104(c) of PROMESA, the Oversight Board requests that PRDE submit, on or before September 18, 2026, the following information and supporting documentation:

- i. Please provide PRDE's final and updated year-by-year financial plan for Fiscal Year 2027 and the following five fiscal years. At a minimum, the plan must address PRDE's existing and projected funding gaps and explain how PRDE will fund recurring programs, services, and activities previously or currently supported by non-recurring federal funds.
- ii. For each fiscal year covered by the plan, please provide:
 - a. Projected expenditures, revenues, available resources, and funding gaps;
 - b. The assumptions, methodologies, and data sources used to prepare the projections;
 - c. The specific recurring programs, services, activities, and expenditures previously or currently supported, in whole or in part, by non-recurring federal funds;
 - d. The projected annual cost of each recurring program, service, activity, or expenditure;
 - e. The specific funding source that will be allocated to each recurring program, service, activity, or expenditure, including General Fund appropriations, recurring federal funds, state funds, the Consolidated Schoolwide Fund, or any other source;
 - f. The corresponding dollar amount expected to be provided from each identified funding source; and
 - g. Any recurring program, service, activity, or expenditure, or portion thereof, for which PRDE has not identified a sustainable funding source.
- iii. Please describe any mitigation measures, programmatic adjustments, cost-saving initiatives, reductions, cancellations, reallocations, or other actions incorporated into the multi-year financial plan to address existing or projected funding gaps.

Timely submission of the requested plan is critical to assess the sustainability of PRDE's recurring expenditures and ensure consistency with the Certified Second Revised 2024 Commonwealth Fiscal Plan. The Government and the Oversight Board are working collaboratively to implement permanent fiscal reforms, including establishing multi-year financial plans. As the largest agency of the Government of Puerto Rico, it is imperative that the PRDE prioritize and adopt this essential financial management practice.

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We appreciate PRDE's continued cooperation and look forward to continuing our work together for the benefit of the people of Puerto Rico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Mujica, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert F. Mujica, Jr.

Executive Director

CC: Mr. Orlando Rivera Berrios