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Dear YCS Family,

As we close out the 2023 calendar year, I am writing to share some incredibly exciting news. Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed a bill into law that will bring much-needed debt relief to the taxpayers of Ypsilanti and Willow Run, benefiting Ypsilanti Community Schools.

This new law will provide a break to taxpayers, ensuring that they can enjoy some financial relief. The funding allocated through this bill will primarily go towards assisting our school district in managing its debts, allowing YCS to redirect more resources and investments into our classrooms. It is a momentous step forward for YCS, and we are filled with hope and enthusiasm for what lies ahead.

We cannot express enough gratitude to our community partners and advocates, local legislators, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer for their steadfast support of YCS and their commitment and belief in the future of our community. The passing of this bill would not have been possible without their leadership and dedication to our outstanding students and staff.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the taxpayers of Ypsilanti and Willow Run for their unwavering support. It is their willingness to invest in the future of our students that has made this debt relief a reality.

Rest assured, our focus remains resolute on ensuring the success and growth of each and every student at YCS. We are excited to embark on this new chapter with renewed energy and enthusiasm, and we look forward to collaborating with you, our valued families, in the coming months.

Please stay tuned for further updates and developments as we navigate this transformative period. Together, we will shape the remarkable future that our students deserve.

With warm regards,

Dr. Alena Zachery-Ross, Superintendent  
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