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Representatives,

Today I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4945 of 2021 to you without approval.

I have long believed that every child in Michigan has a birthright to phenomenal public education and I have been laser-focused during my time in office on making lasting, transformative investments in our kids and schools that will have positive impacts for generations.

Enrolled House Bill 4945 is designed to provide a “technical fix” so that ACE Academy in Highland Park can find a new authorizing entity. ACE Academy has struggled to maintain the standards of quality that every child deserves — so much so that Central Michigan University chose not to continue its authorization. Moreover, as the Highland Park School District Board of Education President acknowledged in committee testimony, it makes little sense for a school district that does not currently serve any high school students to take on the responsibility of authorizing a strict discipline academy.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing HB 4945.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor