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Auditor General DePasquale Blasts Harrisburg School Board's Refusal to Cooperate with State Audit, Urges Full Transparency

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today said he's deeply troubled by the Harrisburg School Board's refusal to cooperate with auditors working for the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

"The continuing refusal of district leadership to work with the state's auditors is unacceptable and sends the exact wrong message to students, parents and taxpayers. Given the district's past financial scandals and ongoing budgetary issues, board members should demonstrate a greater degree of transparency.

"The Harrisburg School District has been operating under state-imposed financial recovery status since 2012, a process that is supposed to help get the district back on track. Out of consideration for the work that's been achieved to date, I hope school board members will wake up and cooperate.

"The current situation is deeply concerning. I'll continue to monitor it and, should the stalemate continue, work with the Department of Education to develop a new course of action."

Released in 2015, DePasquale's [last audit](#) of the Harrisburg School District found the district was struggling with excessive debt, declining tax revenues and a sharp increase in payments to charter schools.

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