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Auditor General DePasquale Concerned by Temple Trouble Trifecta *Reviewing options for action*

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale today issued the following statement about compounding troubling news about Temple University in Philadelphia:

“Pennsylvania has some of the best colleges and universities in the nation. Our universities have a well-earned reputation for educating some of the nation’s best and brightest leaders.

“That’s one reason the recent news that Temple provided inaccurate information about some of its educational programs bothers me so much -- because it affects how people view our universities.

“Just as troubling for me is the news that Temple raised tuition for students this fall, despite receiving a \$4.5 million increase in state funding.

“The recent report from the Chronicle of Higher Education ranking the former Temple president’s salary as fourth-highest among public college presidents in the country completes Temple’s trifecta of trouble.

“I am working with my team to review options to shine a spotlight on these problems and help find solutions that are in the best interests of Temple students, parents, community members and taxpayers.”

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