DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY STATUS

WHEREAS, I, Ronald J. Tomalis, Secretary of Education, state and declare that I am aware of the financial condition of the School District of the City of York (the “District”), the administrative practices of the elected board of school directors, and other pertinent matters concerning the District; and

1. WHEREAS, the Department, throughout the 2011-2012 school year provided extensive technical assistance to the District related to financial and budgetary matters; and

2. WHEREAS, the District lacks a concrete, long-term plan to address its financial deficiencies and operate efficiently and effectively; and

3. WHEREAS, on August 22, 2012, Dr. Carolyn C. Dumas, Deputy Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education, issued a Preliminary Declaration of Financial Recovery Status to the District and the District was afforded an opportunity to be heard; and

4. WHEREAS, the District requested a hearing to contest the Preliminary Declaration, which was scheduled for October 17, 2012; and

5. WHEREAS, the parties subsequently waived their right to present witness testimony or enter exhibits at the hearing and opted instead to rely upon jointly stipulated facts and agreed upon exhibits; and

6. WHEREAS, the hearing officer certified the record to me, which included, inter alia, joint factual stipulations with attached exhibits and briefs; and

7. WHEREAS, I have on this date issued a Decision and Order upholding the Preliminary Declaration of Moderate Financial Recovery Status; and

8. WHEREAS, the District requested and received an advance of its basic education subsidy in 2012; and
9. **WHEREAS**, the District has an average daily membership in excess of or greater than 7,500.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** on this 13th day of December, 2012, in consideration of the facts described herein, I make the following declaration:

The School District of the City of York is in Moderate Financial Recovery Status as defined in section 621-A(a)(1)(i)(A) of the Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. § 6-621-A(a)(1)(i)(A), and is subject to the provisions of Article VI-A of the Public School Code that apply to Moderate Financial Recovery School Districts as defined in section 651-A, 24 P.S. § 6-651-A.

Ronald J. Tomalis
Secretary of Education