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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2019

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Report on the investment interest income during March 2019

Dear Sir:

Attached is a report of cash investment interest income received by the District for the month of March 2019 and a comparison of income for the same period in 2018.

The District's inventory of investments at March 31, 2019, consisted of 251 items having a total par value of \$833,430,939.95, an average annual yield of 2.533%, and total interest income to maturity of approximately \$16.7 million. Inventory figures at the same date in 2018 were of 200 items having a total par value of \$857,292,379.88, an average annual yield of 1.657%, and total interest income to maturity of approximately \$12.4 million

Interest Forecast for 2019:

On December 19, 2018, the Federal Reserve raised the target range for the federal funds rate to 2.25% to 2.50%. This decision was based on a moderately positive economic outlook that considered a marked improvement in labor market conditions and confidence that inflation will rise to its 2% objective over the medium term. The timing and size of future adjustments to the target range will be determined based upon realized and expected economic conditions relative to the Fed's objectives of maximum employment and 2 percent inflation. The Federal Reserve decided in late January 2019 to pause their steady campaign to raise interest rates as the global economic outlook became less certain.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Ann Boyle, Treasurer, MAB:st

Attachment

