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Laura Chesson
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Dear Ms. Chesson:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 23-24, 2009 meeting, reviewed the Special Progress Report of Maynard High School and continued the school's accreditation. While the Commission acknowledges that progress has been made as noted below, until all cited concerns have been satisfactorily resolved the school will remain on probation for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum, School Resources for Learning, and Community Resources for Learning.

The Commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- the progress made in working with MSBA to address facilities concerns, including the approval of an additional \$300,000 by the community in December 2008 and the district facilities committee's hiring of a project manager
- the additional repairs/upgrades made in the short-term to:
 - upgrade HVAC in the main office
 - upgrade the school tv/radio station
 - replace or repair building circulatory pumps
 - to install front door security and closed-circuit camera
 - to secure chemical storage consultation and clean-up
 - to install eight SMARTBoards and train faculty to use them
 - to examine bleachers for safety
 - to replace the air compressor in boiler room
 - to maintain sanitary conditions in the locker rooms
 - the improved privacy in the guidance

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As well, the Commission was pleased to acknowledge the following:

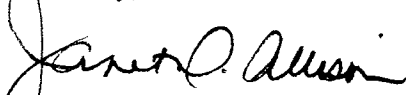
- the establishment of a professional learning community group to review the goals for graduates
- the work by the faculty to establish core values and beliefs
- the review of the mission in light of the school's development of core values, beliefs, and 21st century learning goals
- the identification of areas to be addressed in the Standards prior to the start of the self-study, including using the school-wide rubrics for assessment, personalization, and differentiating instruction

The Commission requests that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by May 1, 2010, which provides detailed responses to the following highlighted recommendations:

- provide an update on the school's progress in working with MSBA to address all facilities concerns previously identified by the Commission
- report the steps the school has taken to transition eighth grade students and staff to the high school

The school's probationary status will be reviewed when the Commission considers the Special Progress Report. Consistent with the Commission's follow-up procedures, the Special Progress Report should include an electronic signature of the principal and chair of the Follow-Up Committee and be sent electronically to the Commission office at the following address: cpssreports@neasc.org.

Sincerely,



Janet D. Allison

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cc: Mark Masterson, Superintendent, Maynard Public Schools
William Kohlman, Chair, Maynard School Committee
Victor D. Mercurio, Chair, Commission on Public Secondary Schools