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John Lent  
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Dear Mr. Lent:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its October 1-2, 2006 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 commend the following:

- the completion of the Science Lab Project, providing for updated desks and repair and replacement of plumbing, electrical and gas equipment
- the installation of a lighting upgrade
- the Town support for a 2.7 percent increase in the FY2007 budget, providing for improvements to technology labs, the grade 9 physics program, and the library, including the collections and equipment
- the cleaning and improvements made to locker rooms
- the increase in storage space as a result of removal of clutter/outdated materials from classroom
- the hiring of a full-time certified library media specialist
- Town support for the funding of a Public Schools Facilities Study for 2006-2007

All accredited schools are required to submit a Five-Year Progress Report, which in the case of Maynard High School is due March 1, 2007. In addition to the six (6) recommendations highlighted in the Commission's February 24, 2005 notification letter, the school should provide detailed responses to the following:

- submit the results of the School Facilities Study and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to address facility needs

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- clarify firm plans, timelines, and funding sources for the construction project, ensuring that it addresses the long-term facilities concerns identified by the Commission at the time the school was placed on probation

School officials are reminded that all valid recommendations in the evaluation report should have been completed or be in the final stages of implementation when the school submits its Five Year Progress Report. Inadequate progress to complete valid recommendations could result in a request for additional Progress Reports, a warning, or probationary status for the school. The Commission requests that it be kept apprised of any substantive changes in the school no later than sixty (60) days following their occurrence. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the Substantive Change Policy.

The school's probationary status will be reviewed when the Commission considers the Five-Year Progress Report. Consistent with the Commission's follow-up procedures, the Five-Year Progress Report should be signed by the principal and chair of the Follow-Up Committee and sent to the Commission office in duplicate by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Mark Masterson, Superintendent, Maynard Public Schools  
Anne Pratt, Chair, Maynard School Committee  
Martin Gray, Chair, Commission on Public Secondary Schools