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Dear Mr. Gannon:

The Committee on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 22, 2014 meeting, reviewed the Special Progress Report of Lisbon High School and continued the school's accreditation. While the Committee 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 Instruction and Community Resources for Learning.


The Committee was pleased to commend the following:

- the replacement of the heating and ventilation units in the guidance office
- the approval of a bond initiative to build a new gymnasium that will resolve current safety issues in the current facility
- the approval of a bond initiative to replace the outdoor track
- the school district's Energy Performance contract with Siemens which includes the replacement of the school's heating and ventilation scheduled to be completed prior to the opening of the upcoming school year

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The school is scheduled for a decennial accreditation visit in the calendar year 2015. The school's probationary status will be reviewed when the Committee considers the evaluation report resulting from the decennial visit. School officials are reminded of their responsibility to keep the Committee apprised of any substantive changes in the school prior to the decennial accreditation visit. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the Substantive Change Policy. As well, please notify the Committee office immediately of any changes in the names of the principal and/or superintendent along with their corresponding e-mail addresses by submitting this information electronically to cpss-air@neasc.org

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

cc: Richard A. Green, Superintendent, Lisbon School Department
Tracy J. Austin, Chair, Lisbon School Committee
Robert E. Littlefield, Chair, Committee on Public Secondary Schools



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SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE POLICY

Principals of member schools must report to the Commission within sixty (60) days of occurrence any substantive change in the school which has a *negative impact* on the school's ability to meet any of the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. The report of a substantive change must describe the change itself as well as detail the impact on the school's ability to meet the Standards. The following are potential areas where there might be negative substantive changes which must be reported:

- elimination of fine arts, practical arts and student activities
- diminished upkeep and maintenance of facilities
- significantly decreased funding
- cuts in the level of administrative and supervisory staffing
- cuts in the number of teachers and/or guidance counselors
- grade level responsibilities of the principal
- cuts in the number of support staff
- decreases in student services
- cuts in the educational media staffing
- increases in student enrollment that cannot be accommodated
- takeover by the state
- inordinate user fees
- changes in the student population that warrant program or staffing modification(s) that cannot be accommodated, e.g., the number of special needs students or vocational students or students with limited English proficiency

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