



Lisbon High School

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Mrs. Janet D. Allison, Interim Director
New England Association of School and Colleges Inc.
Commission on Public Secondary Schools
209 Burlington Road
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Dear Mrs. Allison:

Attached you will find the required September 1, 2009 Special Progress Report for Lisbon High School. The Special Progress Report indicates how the identified recommendations of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools made for Lisbon High School have been addressed.

If you have any questions about this Special Progress Report please do not hesitate to contact Lisbon High School via email khealey@lisbonschoolsme.org or call (207) 353-3030 extension number 2005.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Healey
Principal

Sincerely,

Pete Reed
Chair, Follow-up Committee

Cc: Mr. Richard Green, Interim Superintendent, Lisbon School Department
Ms. Prudence Grant, Chair, Lisbon School Committee



**Special Progress Report
Lisbon High School
September 1, 2009**

School officials are reminded that the Commission in its notification letter dated April 14, 2009, requested a Special Progress Report due September 1, 2009, which should provide detailed responses to each of the following recommendations:

1. Immediately address all health and safety concerns, including the gym floor, and the unsafe use of multiple portable propane burners.

Classification: *Complete*

Lisbon High School's gym floor has been repaired and there is no longer bulging splits on the rubber floor surface. The rubber floor surface has been re-glued and cracks have been filled with resin to provide a smooth surface court-wide. Portable burners are no longer authorized or used in the science classrooms. The two chemistry/physics' classrooms have been re-piped with propane gas over the summer and are functioning properly.

2. Immediately develop and begin implementation of a short-term plan to address all identified concerns.

Classification: *In Progress*

The Lisbon School District has created a Facilities Committee to address all of Lisbon High School's facilities issues. The committee is made up of community wide membership from the town, Town Council, School Committee and the high school. The committee currently is reviewing RFQ applications for an upcoming new versus renovation study for the high school to be conducted this school year. Additionally, the committee is planning the construction of four permanent classrooms that will be built adjacent to the current building at the end of the school year using "Federal Stimulus Money" eliminating the need for the portable classrooms currently being used. The school district will explore state renovation funding in the spring of 2010, during the State's anticipated capital improvement application process available to all Maine schools.

3. Develop a long-term plan and time-line to address serious facilities issues including the gym floor, sound-proofing, issues with running water, extreme temperature fluctuations, the shabby, outdated portables, and the number of small classrooms.

Classification: *In Progress*

Lisbon High School's gym floor has been repaired. The soundproofing issue related to the art classroom under the gym will be addressed this school year. The plan is to relocate the art classroom to another location in the building eliminating the noise from the gym above. The music classroom was moved over the summer to the portable classrooms. The Music Teacher now has two connected classrooms in one portable. His music class no longer interrupts adjacent classrooms. The running water issue was addressed over the summer, by the installation of a drain clay trap in our art classroom. Although there are still heating inconsistencies throughout the building the school's heating consultant will work to resolve all heating problems when the heat is turned back on this school year. As previously reported in the last special report the school's heating consultant has already stabilized the extreme temperature fluctuation in the gym, art room and main office. The shabby portables have had new carpeting installed in three of the four classrooms, ceiling tiles have been replaced and damaged siding was replaced over the summer. The conditions of the portables have improved significantly since the last special report.

4. Report further progress on attempts to obtain state funding for a new building or renovation project.

Classification: *In Progress*

As stated above the school district will explore state renovation funding in the spring of 2010, during the State's anticipated capital improvement application process available to all Maine schools.

In addition, the Commission requests the school provide detailed responses to the following additional recommendations:

1. Confirm that propane gas has been piped into science classrooms and that portable propane burners are no longer in use.

Classification: *Complete*

Propane gas has been piped into the two chemistry/physics classrooms. Portable propane burners are no longer in use in the science classrooms.

2. Confirm that all individual restroom stalls have privacy doors.

Classification: *Complete*

All individual restroom stalls are confirmed to have privacy doors.

Please note the following additional actions have been taken at Lisbon High School this summer in order to address as many of the Commission's expressed concerns as possible:

Several teachers were relocated within the high school. As a result no technology (computers on wheels) will need to pass through inclement weather this school year. The classrooms in the portables have sufficient technology at their disposal to effectively support and enhance the instruction that takes place in those classrooms.

A fifth science classroom was acquired through staff moves ensuring the entire science department is located in one wing of the school.

As mentioned above, the music classroom was moved into its own portable classroom eliminating noise infiltration into other classrooms. The art room's relocation is planned for the end of this school year. The other cluttered art room has been cleaned up and more efficiently rearranged allowing for ample classroom space to support and enhance the instruction that takes place in that classroom.

All the water stained ceiling tiles throughout the building have been replaced.

The wood siding on the outside of the high school was repainted over the summer.

The main lobby of the high school was refurbished with new flooring, tiles and paint. Please visit our district website www.lisbonschoolsme.org to view pictures of the schools summer improvements.

Substantive changes since last special report:

Since the last special report the high school is no longer affiliated with Union 30. We are now strictly Lisbon School District. The improvement of the Lisbon High School facility is the stated number one priority of both our new Superintendent and School Committee.

The Lisbon Town council cut \$115K out of the bottom line of the school district budget in order to force the teachers' union to agree to a zero percentage pay increase. Fortunately for the high school the teachers agreed to the zero percentage so we did not have to cut programs or personnel.

The Lisbon High School Assistant Principal and Co-Curricular Director positions were merged together allowing the Superintendent to add an Assistant Principal and Co-Curricular Director to the Philip W. Sugg Middle School. As a result of the merging of the positions Mr. Warren Galway has retired. Mr. Christopher Moreau has been hired to fill the newly created Assistant Principal/Co-Curricular Director position and I'm pleased to say he has had experience doing both of the major roles of the new position.