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Kenneth J. Healey
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Dear Mr. Healey:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 26, 2011 meeting, reviewed the deferred Special Progress Report and the Report of a Commission Visit of Lisbon High School and continued the school's accreditation. While the Commission acknowledges the progress made-to-date and identified below, in accordance with its policies, the school will remain on probation for the Standards for Accreditation on Instruction and Community Resources for Learning until all remaining identified concerns have been resolved.

The Commission was pleased to commend the following:

- the increase in the size of several classrooms to provide more appropriate learning spaces
- the removal of all portable classrooms
- the installation of new windows, insulation and siding for the 100 and 200 wings
- the insulation installed in the gymnasium roof
- the improvements to the entrance to the building, including handicap accessibility
- the improvements made to the guidance office, main office, and the teachers' work area
- the creation of new art classrooms with improved facilities
- the community's increased pride in the facility resulting from the most recent facilities projects and previous improvements to the school

The Commission has restated the following concerns for which the school remains on probation:

- extreme temperature fluctuations in numerous classrooms, caused in part by outdated windows of which only half have been replaced with energy-efficient ones and by an outdated heating system in need of replacement

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- the sloping floor and stairs at the end of the gym which pose a most serious safety hazard
- the I-beam which impedes exit off the stage and presents a serious safety hazard
- the outdated plumbing and electrical systems that are in need of replacement
- the decreased level of funding resulting in the reduction in the required number of credits students need to graduate

As well, the Commission has identified the following new concerns:

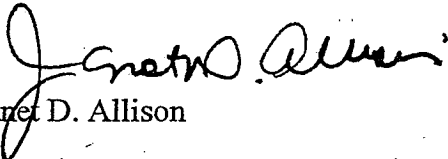
- the elimination of elective courses resulting in a number of students scheduled for two study halls each day
- the loss of staffing which resulted in decreased graduation requirement for students
- the elimination of the Senior Project

The Commission requests that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by February 1, 2012, which provides detailed responses to the following highlighted recommendations:

- provide an update on plans and a timeline to resolve the facilities concerns listed above, including window replacement and replacement of the heating system
- take immediate steps to reduce the number of study halls and to reinstate electives in order to ensure all students have adequate and appropriate schedules and are prepared for work in the 21st century
- provide an update on the FY12 budget, including specific figures allocated for additional facilities work
- detail and implement a plan to replace the loss of the Senior Project in order to ensure that the school reports individual achievement of the school's learning expectations, based on the use of school-wide rubrics, to all students and their families
- report any additional changes in professional and support staffing levels

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,



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cc: Richard A. Green, Superintendent, Lisbon School Department
Tracy J. Austin, Chair, Lisbon School Committee
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