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Joseph E. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its January 13, 2008 meeting, reviewed the Special Progress Report of Monadnock Regional Middle/High School and continued the school's accreditation. While the Commission acknowledges the school's progress as noted below, until all concerns have been satisfactorily resolved the school remains on probation for the Standards for Accreditation on Instruction, School Resources for Learning and Community Resources for Learning.

The Commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- the approval of a warrant article by district voters providing for funding to hire an architect to review the existing facility and to work to propose solutions to the concerns of the Commission
- the efforts of district and school administrators to develop a facilities master plan
- the initial steps taken to improve communication between regular education and special education teachers, including the development of a brochure
- the assumption of funding by the district of programs previously funded by grants, including an alternative high school program, law, public and safety and security pathway programs, GIS pathway program, the Academy of Arts and Design, Virtual High School, accelerated college tuition and acceptance of out of district students for alternative high school programs

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In addition to responding to the nine (9) recommendations highlighted in the Commission's April 5, 2007 notification letter, the school's Two-Year Progress Report, due October 1, 2008, should provide detailed information on action taken to address the additional highlighted recommendations:

- provide an update on the efforts underway to work with the architectural firm and to communicate to the town the serious issues impacting the school facilities, as well as provide a time-line outlining plans to fully resolve all cited facilities concerns
- report further efforts to provide training for regular education teachers to support special education students included in their classes
- take immediate steps to address in the short-term the lack of sufficient space, handicapped accessibility, confidentiality and privacy needs in the health office

The school's probation status will be reviewed when the Commission considers the Two-Year Progress Report. Consistent with the Commission's follow-up procedures, the Two-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. As well, please notify the Commission 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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