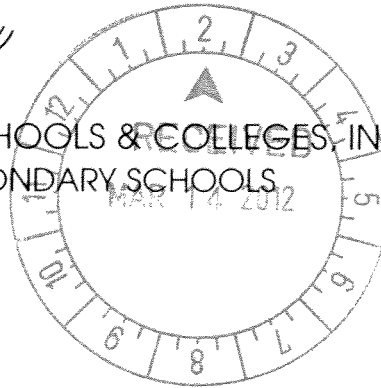


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March 12, 2012

Mario Almeida
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Dear Mr. Almeida:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its January 22-23, 2012 meeting, reviewed the Special Progress Report of Rocky Hill High School and continued the school's accreditation. While the Commission acknowledges the school's progress to-date as noted below, until all concerns have been satisfactorily resolved the school remains on warning for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning.

The Commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- the purchase of new textbooks for 9th grade science and Algebra II as well as additional novels for English courses
- the purchase and installation of LCD projectors in all classrooms and SmartBoards in many other classrooms, reducing the need to use the library for presentations
- the purchase of twenty-two (22) netbooks
- the reconfiguring of computer and library space to accommodate more computers
- the use of a standards-based backward design curriculum development process
- the resolution of all fire code and chemical storage concerns
- the board of education's approval of a school facilities plan to renovate the high school facility to address a number of space and facilities issues

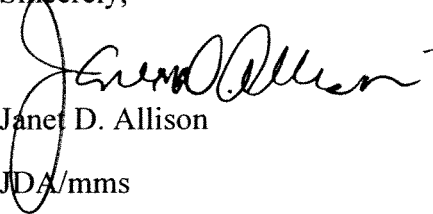
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In addition to responding to the twelve (12) recommendations highlighted in the Commission's May 12, 2011 notification letter, the school's Two-Year Progress Report, due October 1, 2012, should provide detailed information on action taken to address the additional highlighted recommendations:

- cite some specific examples to document that the principal has sufficient autonomy to lead the school
- update progress on the plan to renovate the high school, including a preliminary timeline seeking voter support of the project

The school's warning 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 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. 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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