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Dear Mr. Sutherland:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its March 25-26, 2007 meeting, reviewed the Five-Year Progress Report of Hope High School, continued the school's accreditation, and removed the school from warning for the Standards on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment of Student Learning, acknowledging significant progress to address cited deficiencies.

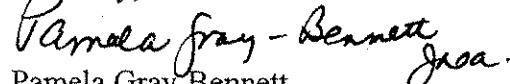
Specifically, the Commission commended the following:

- the effective leadership of the school's administrative team in concert with the faculty and support staff in changing the learning environment and culture of the school
- the extensive use of the school's mission and expectations in guiding decision-making processes
- the embedding of the mission and expectations into the daily life and operation of the school
- the development and implementation of complex-wide expectations that apply to all students within the three school communities
- the development of complex-wide rubrics which will be implemented in the near future
- the adoption of a common curriculum template which includes instructional strategies, learning activities and common assessments
- the establishment of individual student learning plans and graduation performance portfolios to monitor and assess individual student learning and the achievement of the academic expectations

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The Commission will review the school's accreditation status when it considers the Special Progress Report. Consistent with the Commission's follow-up procedures, the Special 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.

Sincerely,


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