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Charles S. Dumais
Principal
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Dear Mr. Dumais:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 27, 2010 meeting, voted to accept the Five-Year Progress Report of Newtown High School and to continue the school's accreditation. Consistent with its policies, the Commission determined that the school should remain on warning for the Standards on Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning until all remaining concerns have been satisfactorily resolved.

The Commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- the formal process used to assess school-wide and individual student progress in achieving the academic expectations in the mission based on the use of school wide rubrics that includes multiple and varied opportunities to meet the expectations across disciplines, regular reporting of progress at the school and individual levels, and interventions, as needed, to insure that each student meets the academic expectations

The Commission requested that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by December 1, 2010 providing detailed information on action taken to address the following highlighted recommendations:

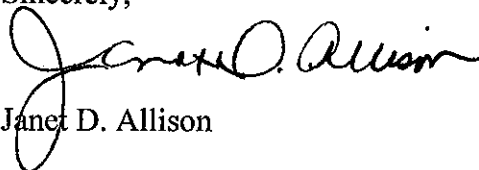
- update progress made to-date in the establishment of ninth grade students that has been hampered by scheduling restrictions and staffing limitations
- update progress made to-date in the implementation of Smaller Learning Communities that have not been implemented due to scheduling restrictions and staffing limitations

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- confirm completion of the addition/renovation project and the resolution of all remaining facilities concerns

The school's warning 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: cpsreports@neasc.org.

Sincerely,



Janet D. Allison

JDA/mms

cc: Janet Robinson, Superintendent, Newtown Public Schools
Lillian Bittman, Chairperson, Newtown Board of Education
Victor D. Mercurio, Chair, Commission on Public Secondary Schools