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Michael Fredericksen
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Dear Mr. Fredericksen:

The Committee on Public Secondary Schools, at its October 22-23, 2018 meeting, reviewed the report from the recent Collaborative Conference visit to Laconia High School and voted to award the school continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Committee was impressed with many of the programs and services and wishes to commend the following:

- the actualization of the PRIDE core values among the students whose dignity and empathy are palpable indicators of a positive and supportive school culture
- the resiliency of the staff as they continue to grow despite administrative turnover both at the building and central office level
- the commitment of the faculty to sustaining a positive school culture through the school-wide use of PRIDE rubrics
- the multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate understanding in various ways
- the willingness of the school to build and to sustain positive relationships with students through systems such as PBIS, ELOs, and internships, to help students achieve success
- the exceptional outreach and levels of intervention
- the relational trust between and among students and staff
- the demonstration of empathy and good will among students in their interactions with one another
- the dedication of staff in their efforts to increase systems of support in response to the expanding percentage of students experiencing challenges and trauma outside of school

- the recent redesign of the alternative program and its responsiveness to emerging needs of students
- the recent painting and daily facility maintenance and cleaning improving the interior of the building
- the development of short-term and long-term plans regarding capital projects and ongoing attention to security deficiencies

The Committee was pleased to note three of the six Foundational Elements in the Standards for Accreditation have been met by the school. The Committee noted that the following Foundational Elements have not been met by the school and have been included as a Priority Areas for Growth:

- there is a written curriculum in a consistent format for all courses in all departments across the school (2.2a)
- the school has a current school improvement/growth plan (3.1a)
- the school site and plant support the delivery of curriculum, programs, and services (5.1a)

The Committee was also pleased to see that the Collaborative Conference visiting team confirmed the following Priority Areas for Growth. These Priority Areas for Growth should be used by the school as the basis for its School Improvement/Growth Plan:

- improve facilities with attention to security, air quality, and overall maintenance (5.1)
- provide sufficient courses for students to ensure all students, especially seniors, can take a full load (5.3)
- provide common peer collaboration/planning time across all content areas (1.4, 3.2)
- finish curriculum for electives and newly developed courses (2.2)

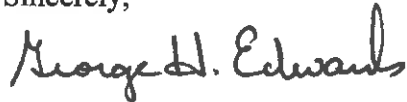
The Committee congratulates the school administration and faculty for completing the first phases of the Accreditation program: the Self-Reflection and the Collaborative Conference Visit. The next step will be the development, submission, and implementation of the School Improvement/Growth Plan. Once the School Improvement/Growth Plan has been completed it should be submitted to the Commission office. Please submit the plan to the office no later than February 1, 2019. Additional information and a School Improvement/Growth Plan template can be found in the Committee's *Accreditation Handbook* available on the website at <https://cpss.neasc.org/process/process-2020>.

The school is scheduled to host its Decennial Accreditation visit. The dates established for the visit are March 8, 2020-March 11, 2020. The focus of the Decennial visit will be on the school's implementation of the Priority Areas for Growth as included in the School Improvement/Growth Plan.

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The school's Accreditation status will be reviewed when the Committee considers the Decennial Accreditation Report. 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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