

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES, INC.
COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

December 28, 2005

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Dear Dr. Scuzzarella:

On December 28, 2005 a seven-member New Evidence Subcommittee of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools, led by Commission Chair Martin Gray, convened to discuss the new evidence submitted by Beverly High School dated December 16, 2005.

After lengthy discussion of the school's documentation, the New Evidence Subcommittee judged that the information submitted by Beverly was not of such substance as to justify requesting the President of the Association to postpone appeal proceedings related to the recommendation that the accreditation of Beverly High School be terminated in order to provide the full Commission with the opportunity to review the new information.

The New Evidence Subcommittee was pleased to learn of efforts to clean up classrooms and other areas as well as the replacement of broken furniture and plans for additional improvements. However, in the absence of funding approval for the renovation/ construction project accompanied by an updated construction timeline there remains no evidence that the range of needed long-term facilities improvements at Beverly High School will be fully resolved in the future.

Sincerely,

Pamela Gray-Bennett
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cc: James Hayes, Superintendent of Schools
William Scanlon, Mayor, City of Beverly
Judith Cronin, President, Beverly School Committee
Martin B. Gray, Chair, Commission on Public Secondary Schools
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