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Carla Scuzzarella
Principal
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Dear Dr. Scuzzarella:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its March 26-27, 2006 meeting, accepted the New Evidence Report of Beverly High School, withdrew its recommendation to terminate the school's accreditation, and continued the school's accreditation. While the Commission acknowledges that progress has been made as noted below, until all cited concerns have been satisfactorily resolved the school will remain on probation for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum, Instruction, and Community Resources for Learning.

The Commission was pleased to learn of the following:

- the appropriation of \$65 million by the Beverly City Council for a new academic wing at Beverly High School as well as for the refurbishment of common spaces, including the cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium to be completed for the opening of school in 2009

The Commission requests that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by September 1, 2006 which provides detailed responses to the following:

- provide an update on the plans and timeline for the new academic wing and refurbishment of other common spaces at the school
- confirm and detail the work done to upgrade the ten neediest classrooms over the summer of 2006 via the school's "Plan for Annual Classroom Upgrades"
- confirm the window tinting in the library to reduce solar glare
- confirm the hiring of additional custodial help for the 2006-07 operating budget
- confirm the purchase of \$6000 worth of science equipment for the 2006-07 school year
- detail further steps to reduce clutter in classrooms

The school's probationary 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 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,

Pamela Gray-Bennett
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cc: James Hayes, Superintendent, Beverly Public Schools
Nancy Brusil, Chairperson, Beverly School Committee
Martin Gray, Chair, Commission on Public Secondary Schools