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Kenneth Healev Principal Lisbon High School 2 Sugg Drive Lisbon Falls, ME 04252

Dear Mr. Healey:

The Commission on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 27, 2010 meeting, reviewed the Five-Year Progress Report of Lisbon High School 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 Instruction and Community Resources for Learning.

The Commission was pleased to commend the following:

- the development and implementation of a protocol for teacher use during collaborative time
- the development of performance indicators to assess civic and social expectations
- the plans to develop a Response to Intervention Plan for at-risk students
- the superintendent support of the establishment of an Alternative Education
- the examples of teacher collaboration to improve instructional and assessment practices
- the development and implementation of a plan to enable teachers from across grades (K-12) time to coordinate curriculum and develop rubrics
- the voters' approval of a \$350K school improvement bond to supplement acquired stimulus funds to address numerous outstanding facility deficiencies
- the plan to relocate one of the art rooms to address disruptive noise concerns
- the acquisition of technology equipment to support teaching and learning
- the construction of a technology lab within the library
- the plans to eliminate the portable classrooms and move teachers to classrooms within the building

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The Commission requests that school officials submit a Special Progress Report by February 1, 2011, which provides detailed responses to the following highlighted recommendations:

- confirm the removal of all portable classrooms

- provide an update on the status, including funding, of the district's capital improvement plan for the high school

- provide an update on the renovation work completed during the summer of 2010 to address all previously identified facilities concerns

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 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: cpssreports@neasc.org.

Sincerely,

Janet D. Allison

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cc: Richard A. Green, Superintendent, Lisbon School Department Prudence Grant, Chair, Lisbon School Committee

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