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Re: Onsite Follow-up Monitoring Report: Program Review Corrective Action Plan
Verification and Mid-cycle Review

Dear Mr. Golden:

Enclosed is the Department's Program Review Follow-up Monitoring Report together with findings regarding your private school's Mid-cycle Program Review. This report contains the Department's findings based on the onsite activities conducted in your school to verify the implementation status and effectiveness of corrective steps taken in response to your Program Review Report issued on September 7, 2005. This report also includes a report on the status of implementation for new state or federal special education requirements enacted since your school's last Program Review.

We are pleased to indicate that the Department of Education has found your school's approved Corrective Action Plan to be substantially implemented and effective in remedying previously identified noncompliance issues. Additionally, we have determined that your school is in substantial compliance with any new state or federal special education requirements enacted since your last Program Review. The findings of the Department are included in the attached Follow-up Monitoring Report. You and your entire staff are to be congratulated for your efforts in implementing all necessary improvements. Your private school will now receive an updated status of "Full Approval." This approval shall remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of this letter and attached approval certificate. This approval will be contingent upon continued compliance with all regulations contained within 603 CMR 28.00 "Special Education Regulations" and 603 CMR 18.00 "Program And Safety Standards For Approved Public Or Private Day And Residential Special Education School Programs." The Department of Education may change this approval status at any point during this three-year period if circumstances arise that warrant such a change.

The Department will notify you of your school's next regularly scheduled Program Review several months before it is to occur. At this time we anticipate the Department's next routine

monitoring visit to occur sometime during the FY 2011, unless the Department determines that there is some reason to schedule this visit earlier.

Your staff's cooperation throughout these follow-up monitoring activities is appreciated. Should you require additional clarification of information included in our report, please do not hesitate to contact the Onsite Team Chairperson at 781-338-3717.

Sincerely,

Betsy Holcombe, Program Review Follow-up Chairperson
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Encl.: Follow-up Monitoring Report
Full Private School Approval Certificate, Expiration Date: August 31, 2011

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PRIVATE SCHOOL MID-CYCLE PROGRAM REVIEW**

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**ONSITE VERIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
AND/OR IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL FINDINGS REQUIRING CORRECTIVE ACTION**

Action Plan Submitted on January 11, 2006
Progress Reports Submitted on February 10, 2006
Onsite Visit Conducted on November 8, 2007
Date of this Report November 19, 2007

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| Selected Approved Private School Mid-cycle Review Criteria | | | | | | |
| 2.2 Approvals, Licenses, Certificates of Inspection 18.04(1); 28.09(2)(b)(5); 28.09(5)(b); 28.09(6)(b, c) | √ | Documentation Interviews | Most Approvals, Licenses, and Certificates of Inspection have been submitted and approved. | √ | There is no current containment plan for the PCBs identified in the 1988 inspection report. | A current inspection for PCB, including a containment plan, must be submitted, by February 15, 2008. |

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| 2.3 EEC Licensure 102 CMR 3.00 <i>(NA for Public Day Schools)</i> | √ | Documentation | The current EEC License has been submitted and approved. | √ | | |
| 7.4 High School Diplomas and Certificates of Attendance M.G.L. c. 69, § 1D; Administrative Advisory SPED 2002-4-REVISED: Special Education Students in Out-of-District Placements- Participation in MCAS Testing and High School Graduation Standards | √ | Documentation | The updated High School Diplomas and Certificates of Attendance policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |

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| 8.4 Program Modifications and Support Services for Limited English Proficient Students M.G.L. c. 71A; Title VI | √ | Documentation Interviews | The updated Program Modifications and Support Services for Limited English Proficient Students policy has been submitted and approved. | √ | | |
| 8.5 Current IEP & Student Roster 28.09(5)(a) | √ | Documentation | The current student IEP roster containing all required elements has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 8.8 IEP – Progress Reports State: 28.07(3); Federal 20 U.S.C. Chapter 33, Section 1414(d)(1)(A)(vi ii) 34 CFR 300.320(a)(3)(i, ii) | √ | Documentation Interviews | The guidelines for IEP Progress Reports have been submitted and approved. Review of student records show that progress reports are included and indicate to whom they are sent. | | | |

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| 9.1(a) Student Separation resulting from Behavior Management 18.05(5)(i); 46.02(5)(b) | √ | Documentation Observation Interviews | The guidelines for Student Separation /Time Out have been submitted and approved. | √ | | |
| 11.3 Educational Administrator Qualifications 28.09(5)(a); 28.09(7)(a); 603 CMR 44.00 | √ | Documentation | The Educational Administrator meets all requirements. | | | |
| 11.4 Teachers (Special Education Teachers and Regular Education Teachers) 18.05(11)(f); 28.09(5)(a); 28.09(7)(b, c) | √ | Documentation | The teacher roster containing all required elements has been submitted and approved. | | | |

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| | √ | | | √ | | |
| 11.5 Related Services Staff 28.09(7)(d) | √ | Documentation | The related services staff roster containing all required elements has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 11.6 Master Staff Roster 28.09(7) | √ | Documentation | The master staff roster containing all required elements has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 12.2(c) Details about Required Training-CPR Certification 18.05(9)(e) | √ | Documentation Interviews | The staff training plan for CPR certification has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 14.4 Visiting, Mail and Telephones (Residential Schools Only) 18.03(9)(a), (b) | √ | Documentation | The current visiting, mail and telephones policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 16.3 Nursing 18.05(9)(b) | √ | Documentation | The School has Registered Nurses available for student | | | |

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| | √ | Observation | health care. | √ | | |
| 16.11 Student Allergies 18.05(9)(h) | √ | Documentation Observation | The updated Student Allergies policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 16.12 No Smoking Policy M.G.L. c. 71, § 37H | √ | Documentation Observation Interviews | The updated No Smoking policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| Identified Areas of Non-Compliance During Previous Program Review or Other Areas of Concern | | | | | | |
| 1.2 Program Description 28.09(2)(b)2,3,7) Formerly 8.2 | √ | Documentation Interviews | The updated program description, including descriptions of related services instruction, has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 3.1c Child Abuse Reporting 18.05(9)(i); M.G.L. c. 119, §§ 51A and B; M.G.L. c. 19C | √ | Documentation Interviews | The updated child abuse policy for reporting to DSS has been submitted. | √ | The updated child abuse reporting policy does not include notification to DPPC or DOE; employees are required to report suspected abuse or neglect internally; and | The updated child abuse reporting policy containing all required elements must be submitted, by February 15, 2008. |

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| (Formerly 12.2[b]) | √ | | | √ | staff training is not complete. | |
| 6.2 School-to-Work 603 CMR 27.02; 27.04 | √ | Documentation | The updated school-to-work policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 9.3 Runaway Students 18.03(10) | √ | Documentation | The updated runaway student policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 9.4 Physical Restraint 18.05(5); 603 CMR 46.00 | √ | Documentation | The updated physical restraint policy has been submitted and approved. | | | |
| 10.4 Student:Child Care Ratios (Approved Private Residential Schools Only) 18.03(2) | √ | Documentation Observation | The School has appropriate student: child care ratios. | | | |
| 11.7 | | | | | | |

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| Job Descriptions 18.05(11)(d) | √ | Documentation | The updated job descriptions have been submitted and approved. | √ | | |
| 12.1 Staff Orientation and Training 18.05(11)(g, i); 28.09(7)(f) (Contains former 12.2g) | √ | Documentation Interviews | Most required training topics are included in staff orientation. | √ | The training calendar does not include civil rights or the training of all required elements of child abuse reporting (see Criterion 3.1c) | The training calendar including civil rights and the training of all required elements of child abuse reporting must be submitted, by February 15, 2008. |
| 13.2 Description of Physical Facility 18.04; 28.09(8) (Contains former 13.7 Indoor Space) | √ | Documentation Interviews Observation | The classrooms are air conditioned, as needed. | | | |
| 13.7 Library/ Resource Room 18.04(6)(b) | √ | Documentation Observation | There is a separate library and resource room available to students. | | | |
| 15.5 Parent Consent 18.05(5)(c); 18.05(8); | √ | Documentation Interviews | The Parental Notification concerning human sexual education curriculum is being | | | |

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| 18.05(9)(f)(1) | √ | | provided. | √ | | |