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Tracy Racicot Principal Burlington High School 52 Institute Road Burlington, VT 05408

Dear Ms. Racicot:

The Committee on Public Secondary Schools, at its June 24, 2018 meeting, reviewed the Special Progress Report of Burlington High School and continued the school's accreditation and removed the school from warning for the Standard for Accreditation on School Resources for Learning. While the Committee acknowledges the school's progress as noted below, until all concerns have been satisfactorily resolved the school remains on warning for the Standards for Accreditation on Curriculum and Community Resources for Learning.

The Committee was pleased to learn of the following:

- the addition of a certified, licensed library media specialist for the school
- the work plan developed by the Burlington High School administration which addresses the need to build a positive culture and community
- the support of the school board in drafting a long-range master facilities plan for deferred maintenance which includes a plan to address handicapped accessibility throughout the building

In addition to responding to the thirteen recommendations highlighted in the Committee's April 21, 2017 notification letter, the school's Two-Year Progress Report, due October 1, 2018, should provide detailed information on action taken to address the additional highlighted recommendations:

- provide an update on the long-range facilities plan including approval, funding, and timeline

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The school is reminded that information about the proper preparation of the Two-Year Progress Report which can be found at <u>https://cpss.neasc.org</u> under the "*Process*" tab, *Two-Year Progress Report*. In that report school officials are required to respond to two types of recommendations: Section I, highlighted recommendations from notification letter(s) and Section II, general report recommendations from the school's decennial evaluation report, as well as the requested information in Sections III-IX.

The school's Two-Year Progress Report should be submitted only by the principal through the Accreditation Portal by clicking on the green "Mark Progress Report Complete" button. As well, please notify the Committee 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 <u>cpss-air@neasc.org</u>.

Sincerely,

George H. Edwards

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