

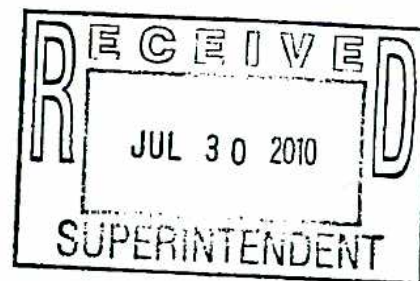


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VIA FEDEX

July 28, 2010

Dr. Donna Hargens
Interim Superintendent
Wake County Public School System
3600 Wake Forest Road
Raleigh, NC 27609



Re: Complaints against the Wake County Public School System

Dear Dr. Hargens:

I am writing on behalf of AdvancED, the parent organization for SACS CASI, concerning the complaints received alleging the failure of the Wake County Public Schools to meet the AdvancED Accreditation Standards and Procedures. AdvancED has reviewed the information contained in your correspondence dated April 19, 2010, while continuing to monitor the situation in your school system. Based upon our review of your answer and the issues continuing to face the school system, we have determined that a Special Review Team needs to conduct a visit to determine whether the actions of the Wake County Public School System are negatively impacting the ability of the schools in Wake County to meet the AdvancED Standards and Policies for accreditation.

Therefore, we request that the system provide us with a three day period in which to conduct a Special Review Team visit. The visit must be conducted between September 1, 2010 and October 15, 2010. Please provide us in writing with three potential periods in which we may conduct said three day visit. The proposed dates for the Special Review Team Visit should be communicated to my office by August 6, 2010. In said correspondence, please include the name and contact information for the individual from the Wake County School System that will act as a point of contact and coordinate the System's interaction with the Team.

In preparation for said visit, we request that the system provide the AdvancED corporate office with the following information for review and preparation:

- 1) Any and all policies that have been adopted by the Wake County Public Schools System Board since December 1, 2009.
- 2) A copy of the transition plan to the Community Based Assignment Plan.
- 3) A description of the process used to develop the transition plan from the current Diversity Plan to the Community Based Assignment Plan, scheduled to have been completed by June 30, 2010.
- 4) The process and criteria used to identify the individuals assigned to create the Community Based Assignment Plan, including the qualifications of said individuals.

The accreditation divisions of AdvancED are
North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)

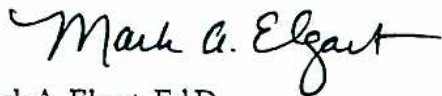
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- 5) A copy of any and all information and studies considered along with a list of any and all sources consulted with by the Board and Board members in reaching the decision to adopt the policy enacting a Community Based Assignment Plan. Please include any and all student performance data, transition plan impact studies, financial impact studies and specific case studies supporting the conclusion that the Community Based Assignment Plan will create improve the schools in Wake County that are accredited by AdvancED.
- 6) A copy of any and all policies concerning the powers and authority of the Superintendent, School Board members and the administration, including any and all proposed changes to said policies since December 1, 2009.
- 7) A description of the seat voucher system being used by the system for School Board meeting attendance.
- 8) A copy of the Parent Survey and results referenced in your April 19, 2010 correspondence.
- 9) Copies of any and all contracts between Wake County Public Schools and the Civitas Institute.
- 10) Copies of any and all contracts between Wake County Public Schools and Thomas Farr and/or his law firm.
- 11) Copies of any and all information and studies used in determining the financial impact of the January 5th Board Resolution on Calendar Choices.
- 12) Copies of any and all information, studies and contracts reviewed by the Board in reaching its decision to locate the H6 Wake County High School at the Rolesville site and to abandon the Forestville site which was selected, purchased and prepared for development under the authorization of the previous Wake County School Board.

Please provide the documentation requested above to my office by August 30, 2010.

Please feel free to contact my office, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the procedures and requests described herein.

Best regards,



Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D
President/CEO