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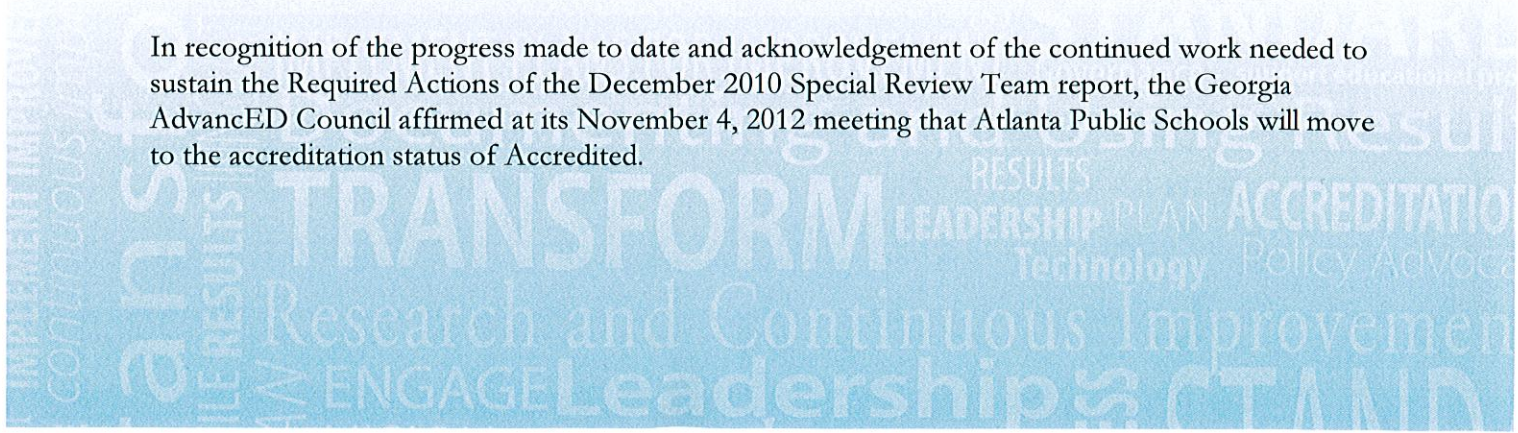
Dear Mr. Davis,

The Institution Progress Report for the Atlanta Public Schools accompanied with your transmittal letter, dated October 5, 2012, has been received and reviewed. Pursuant to the directives resulting from the Monitoring Review Team's visit on September 26-27, 2011, this Institution Progress Report provides a narrative summary of the actions taken to complete Required Actions 1 and 3 as well as the continued progress relating to Required Actions 2, 4, 5, and 6. Moreover, the report contains artifacts, documents, and evidence relating to the work of the Atlanta Public Schools and the Board of Education in addressing the Required Actions.

A review of the Institution Progress Report revealed a focused effort to fully address the directives and recommendation from the AdvancED Special Review and Monitoring Teams. The Board's Communication Plan has provided numerous and varied venues to support two-way communication and stakeholder participation and engagement. The district has endeavored to regain public trust, and the work must continue. The district's High-Level Action Plan provided the framework for re-focusing the efforts of board members, district personnel, and other stakeholders in working under a shared vision and purpose. Additionally, the adoption of the 2012-2017 Strategic Plan has provided a roadmap to promote a clear direction.

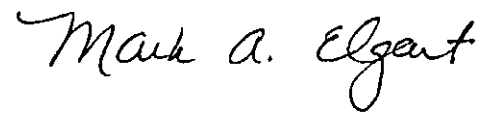
Although the Institution Progress Report provides evidence of the significant progress to date, it is incumbent upon the district and Board to continue to sustain the progress accomplished. Appropriate and effective governance is the responsibility of the governance and leadership team as the Board and Superintendent work in concert to establish a culture of continuous improvement at all levels. Much has been accomplished over the past couple of years, yet the challenge remains to ensure all stakeholders enjoy an effective working and learning environment.

In recognition of the progress made to date and acknowledgement of the continued work needed to sustain the Required Actions of the December 2010 Special Review Team report, the Georgia AdvancED Council affirmed at its November 4, 2012 meeting that Atlanta Public Schools will move to the accreditation status of Accredited.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Elgart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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President and CEO

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