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Mr. Erroll B. Davis, Jr.
Superintendent
Atlanta Public Schools
130 Trinity Ave. SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Dear Mr. Davis,

Enclosed please find the AdvancED Monitoring Team's report from the visit conducted September 26-27, 2011. The findings and observations in the report indicate that Atlanta Public Schools has made significant progress in addressing the Required Actions, and the Board of Education is on the right path to successfully regain the trust and confidence of their community.

The Monitoring Team observed many positive and strong improvements that are commendable and recognized the Board, superintendent and staff for their focused efforts to comply with the Required Actions.

However, stakeholders within the internal and external school system community are still uncertain as to whether the Board can sustain its improved functioning, and the team indicated continued work was needed to accomplish two of the six Required Actions.

In recognition of the progress made to date and acknowledgement of the continued work needed to fully address the Required Actions of the December 2010 Special Review Team report, the Monitoring Team recommended, and the Georgia AdvancED Council confirmed, that Atlanta Public Schools will move to the accreditation status of *Accredited on Advisement*.

Directives provided in the report serve to guide next steps to ensure that Atlanta Public Schools completes the requirements of the two remaining Required Actions, while recommendations are designed to help the school system sustain its progress over a period of time.

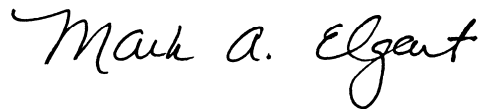
The school system will be expected to continue its work on the remaining two Required Actions, as well as to adhere to recommendations that have ongoing implications to sustain its accomplishments. To provide evidence in sustaining its progress, APS will submit a detailed follow-up Institution Progress Report by September 30, 2012. The school system will identify and document – in a narrative format – steps taken since the September 2011 Monitoring Visit to address the Required Actions and the recommendations set forth in this report and to sustain compliance with all other Required Actions of the December 2010 Special Review Team report.

The Institution Progress Report should be submitted to the Georgia AdvancED/SACS CASI state office. The documented progress and sustainability of efforts articulated in the aforementioned report will determine further actions and/or a change in accreditation status.

Please note that it is the responsibility of school system officials to share the contents of the report with the Board of Education and the community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Monitoring Team Report for Atlanta Public Schools or completing the Required Actions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Elgart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D.
President and CEO

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