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September 18, 2007

Jose Libano  
Principal  
Sharon High School  
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Dear Jose:

We hope that you are in the final stages of preparation for the evaluation of your school which will take place on October 14, 2007 to October 17, 2007.

The fact that a group of committee members will soon assess your school around teaching and learning may create some anxiety for school personnel. We'd like to emphasize that Bob Hale is a professional colleague who will lead the visiting team to prepare a helpful report whose purpose is school improvement. We urge that you and your faculty be candid in discussing the self-study and current situations in the school with the visiting committee.

Please remind the chair(s) of your steering committee to submit requested information from the self-study (see the *Accreditation Handbook* on page 57) to the Commission office no later than one month prior to the team visit.

A critical part of the evaluation will be the meetings between visiting committee members and groups of your teachers, students, the superintendent, and school board as well as other citizens. These meetings give the visiting committee an opportunity to learn firsthand the views that these groups hold about your school. We would appreciate your working with the steering committee to facilitate scheduling these meetings.

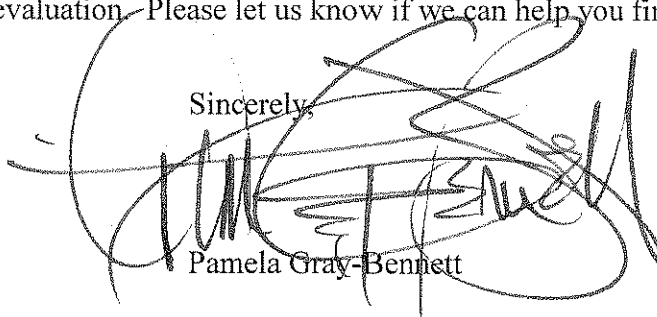
Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Barbara Dunham indicating that the team will want to talk with her and board members. We suggest that you share the schedule for the evaluation visit with the superintendent noting the dates, time and location of meetings involving central office personnel and members of the school board.

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After the evaluation you will have the opportunity to review a draft of the evaluation report with Bob to help ensure that it fairly represents your school and is factually accurate. In addition, we urge you to discuss any other aspect of the report including the visiting committee's conclusions, commendations, and recommendations, as well as the Overview of Findings section of the introduction.

We wish you the best in the school's evaluation. Please let us know if we can help you finalize your preparations for the visit.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Gray-Bennett', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Pamela Gray-Bennett

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Enclosure

cc: Robert G. Hale, Chair, Visiting Committee