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Anthony R. Salutari, Jr.
Principal
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Dear Mr. Salutari:

The Commission on Public Schools, at its March 8-9, 2026, meeting, reviewed the First Report of Progress and Planning of Daniel Hand High School and voted to award the school continued Accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Commission would like to commend the following:

- the implementation of a structured evaluation calibration process that promotes consistency, reliability, and equity in teacher evaluations
- the use of collaborative group observations and shared debriefs to develop a common, standards-based understanding of instructional excellence
- the transparent fishbowl debrief model that demystifies the evaluation process and reduces faculty anxiety
- the intentional development of distributed leadership by engaging department coordinators in leading instructional debriefs
- the cultivation of an evidence-based professional culture grounded in the Danielson Framework for Teaching

The Commission was pleased to note that all the eight Foundational Elements in the Standards for Accreditation have been met by the school.

The school will submit a Three-Year Report of Progress and Planning, which is due on February 1, 2028. Instructions concerning the preparation of the Three-Year Report of Progress and Planning can be found at neasc.org/resources-members/public-schools, *Three-Year Report of Progress and Planning*. In that report, the school will indicate any changes to the ratings of the Foundational Elements, progress on the Priority Areas for Growth from the Decennial Accreditation Report, any additional Priority Areas for Growth the school is working on, changes in the 4Cs, and progress toward the additional recommendations listed in the Decennial Accreditation Report. Also, the school will submit a revised School Growth/Improvement Plan.

Priority Areas for Growth should be in the mid- to final stages of implementation when the school submits its Three-Year Report of Progress and Planning.

The Commission requests that it be kept apprised of any substantive changes in the school before that date. For your convenience, a copy of the Substantive Change Policy is attached. Please notify the Commission office 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 cpsannual@neasc.org.

The school's accreditation status will be reviewed when the Commission considers the Three-Year Report of Progress and Planning, which should be submitted by the principal through the Accreditation Portal. Be sure to complete the report by clicking on the green "Mark Progress Report Complete" button.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Francis T. Kennedy, Jr.

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Attachment

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Seth Klaskin, Chairperson, Madison Board of Education
Amy Cetner, Chair, Commission on Public Schools