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Dr. Timothy Purnell, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Purnell:

In June 2013, the Department issued an evaluation of the Somerville School District pursuant to the requirements of the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC), N.J.A.C. 6A:30 et seq. At that time, the district was placed on a continuum in each of the areas evaluated in the district performance review (DPR): instruction and program, fiscal management, operations, personnel and governance.

Following that initial evaluation, the district developed an improvement plan to address applicable indicators in the area of instruction and program; the plan was approved in September 2013. An interim review was conducted in June 2014. A review of the instruction and program indicators has been conducted, using the most recent assessment data from spring 2014. The instruction and program placement score has been amended:

DPR Areas	Initial Placement (6/2013)	Interim Review Placement (6/2014)	Amended Placement (9/2014)
Instruction and Program	79%	76%	81%
Fiscal Management	100%	100%	100%
Governance	100%	100%	100%
Operations	95%	95%	95%
Personnel	100%	100%	100%

As noted above, your district has now satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators in each of the five areas of the QSAC review process and has been designated as "high performing." Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-14, Acting Commissioner Hespe will recommend that the State Board of Education certify your school district as providing a thorough and efficient system of education for a period of three years or until your next QSAC review. Congratulations on this accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bumpus
Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Field Services

RLB:PJC:somerville/updated placement
c: Juan Torres