

October 18, 2012

Dr. Dale Ellis Superintendent of Schools Montgomery County Schools Troy, NC 27371

Dear Superintendent Ellis:

On behalf of AdvancED, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for hosting the AdvancED accreditation External Review team. Thanks to you and your staff for your hospitality and for attending to the team's needs.

I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and your staff. It is my hope that the review experience met your expectations and that the findings from the review will help you in your efforts to improve student performance and overall district effectiveness.

During my oral exit report I failed to publicly acknowledge Dr. Sue Hatley for her seemingly untiring work in planning and organizing the visit. Please extend to her my heartfelt thanks for all she did prior to and during the visit to ensure a successful review.

It was a pleasure working with you. I commend you and your district for its commitment to advancing excellence in education through the accreditation process. I also wish you continued success in your quest to achieve a top-25 ranking as a school district in the State of North Carolina; maintain the course.

Sincerely

James W. Brown, Jr.

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