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Dear Mr. Scott Menzel:

Congratulations to Washtenaw ISD for the successful completion of the 2012-2013 AdvancED External Review and the achievement of Accreditation. Effective 2012-2013 the institution's Accreditation Status is based on the average of all indicator ratings given by the External Review Team. Below is information about each Accreditation Status:

- **Accredited:** The institution scored high enough on all Standards and Indicators to warrant no concerns from the external team. Even with this rating, however, AdvancED has always asked external teams to assign "required actions" that the institution must work on for continuous improvement. Prior to 2012, this designation was assigned if all seven Standards were rated as Operational or above. Effective 2012-2013, this status was assigned to institutions with Indicator scores that were primarily at or above the performance level of three, which aligns with the earlier label of "Operational." Institutions given this designation have two years to address Required Actions.
- **Accredited On Advisement:** This designation indicates that the external team found the institution performing well in most areas, with a few minor concerns related to the Standards that should be addressed within two years. Prior to 2012, this designation was assigned if any one or more of the seven Standards were rated as Emerging and the remainder were Operational or above. Effective 2012-2013, this status was assigned to institutions with Indicator scores that primarily were somewhat below the performance level of three, which aligns with the earlier label of "Emerging." Institutions given this designation have two years to address Required Actions.
- **Accredited Warned:** This designation indicates that the external team had several concerns with areas related to the Standards, and possibly other minor concerns. AdvancED expects these concerns to be addressed within two years. Prior to 2012, this designation was assigned if any one of the seven Standards were rated as Not Evident and the remainder were Emerging or above. Effective 2012-2013, this status was assigned to institutions with Indicator scores that were primarily at the performance level of two and slightly above, which also aligns with the earlier label of "Emerging." Institutions given this designation have two years to address Required Actions.

- **Accredited Probation:** This designation indicates that the external team had serious concerns with areas related to the Standards, and possibly other concerns. Prior to 2012, this designation was assigned if any two or more of the seven Standards were rated as Not Evident and the remainder were Emerging or above. Effective 2012-2013, this status was assigned to institutions with Indicator scores that were primarily at the performance level of two and below, which aligns with the earlier label of “Not Evident.” Institutions given this designation must host an on-site Accreditation Progress Review (APR) within one year and demonstrate progress on the Required Actions.

As a result of the External Review and the team’s ratings of the Indicators Washtenaw ISD has been awarded the status of **Accredited**. The results of this process are not arbitrary or punitive but provide a more precise assessment of an institution’s status in the ongoing process of continuous improvement. The Indicator performance levels provide your institution with a roadmap as you continue your journey of continuous improvement to provide students with the best possible educational experiences.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Kathy Sergeant, Director, AdvancED Michigan Office