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Assistant Superintendent's Report

I am pleased to report that Belfast Area High School has been affirmed to be fully accredited by NEASC, and the organization has removed the school from warning for the Standard for Accreditation on Curriculum. NEASC has commended BAHS in several areas, notably, the following:

- The creation of the school's common curriculum template for all courses
- Creation of curricular review timeline
- The extent to which the staff is engaged and involved in curricular revision
- The extensive number of course syllabi submitted to the Maine Course Pathways Project
- The significant amount of time the staff has dedicated to Maine Course Pathways work.

Principal Fitzpatrick, the Accreditation Follow-up Committee and I will continue to meet during this school year as we work toward submission of the five-year accreditation report in March of 2012. At this point in time, we are developing school-wide rubrics that will be utilized by all departments to assess students' progress in the BAHS CORE Principles from the School Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

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