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Charlotte D. Placide, Superintendent
East Baton Rouge Parish Schools
1050 South Foster Drive
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Dear Superintendent Placide:

Enclosed is the Review Team Report for the Quality Assurance Review of the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools from April 19-22, 2009. The contents of the report reflect the observations and recommendations of the Quality Assurance Review Team charged with the responsibility of evaluating East Baton Rouge Parish Schools' application for District Accreditation as a Quality School System through SACS CASI and AdvancED. SACS CASI is an accreditation division of AdvancED.

AdvancED District Accreditation provides a national protocol for school systems committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable continuous improvement. The District Accreditation process invites school systems to collaborate in reviewing the quality of the district's systems and their contributions to teaching and learning. The process supports, enhances, and stimulates growth and improvement throughout the school system.

On behalf of the Quality Assurance Review Team, I am honored to report that the school system has satisfactorily completed the Standards Assessment Report and met the expectations and responsibilities required for District Accreditation. Additionally, the Quality Assurance Review Team certified in the report that the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools met all the standards for accreditation for District Accreditation. Consequently, the Quality Assurance Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, unanimously and without reservation, that the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools be awarded District Accreditation.

As a result of successfully completing the Quality Assurance Review, the district is now charged with the responsibility of entering the implementation phase of the process. The implementation phase of the District Accreditation process requires that the school district will:

- Review and communicate the findings and observations contained in the report;
- Initiate steps to address the recommendations in the report;

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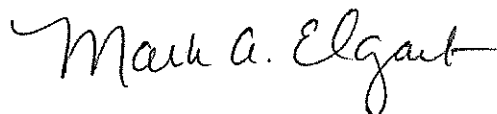
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- Continue to monitor accreditation requirements for the system and its schools;
- Monitor the execution and impact of strategies for improvement; and
- Continue to engage methods that provide for quality assurance.

On behalf of the Quality Assurance Review Team, SACS CASI and AdvancED, I once again commend and congratulate you, the professional staff, the Board of Education, and stakeholders throughout the community on this achievement to be awarded District Accreditation as a Quality School System. SACS CASI and AdvancED look forward to our continued association with the East Baton Rouge Parish Schools and our partnership to improve student learning through accreditation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Elgart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D., President/Chief Executive Officer
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cc. Dr. Eddie Krenson, Chair – Quality Assurance Review Team
Dr. R. Wayne Strain, Director – Louisiana SACS CASI