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Paul Bousquet
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Dear Superintendent Bousquet:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that, upon completion of the "Small School/School District" review process, the AYP determination issued in April for Errol Consolidated School and Errol School District remains unchanged and is considered final. There is insufficient data upon which to make a 2012 AYP determination.

As you know, a minimum group size is required for student performance to be calculated. Upon review of your school and district data, only eight students met the "teaching year" criteria for student performance calculations. The Department's Small School/District Review process is as follows for schools and districts that do not meet the minimum group size for reporting:

Case 1: The process aggregates data over two or three years, if necessary, in order to meet the minimum group size for reporting. Once the minimum group size is met, a decision can be rendered.

Case 2: The process involves a review of data generated by the school that next receives your students. In this case, a school "inherits" the AYP designation of the school that next receives the majority of your students.

Qualitative Review: If the processes described for Case 1 or Case 2 are not feasible, the next step is a Qualitative Review.

Your school and district fall within Case 1. While sufficient student data was available to issue a "traditional" report in 2010 and 2011, we are unable to produce a 2012 determination based upon only eight students.

Thank you for your patience as we completed this process. Please contact Merry Fortier, Education Consultant, with any questions at Merry.Fortier@doe.nh.gov or by phone at (603) 271-7382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia M. Barry".

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