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Dr. Steve Kossakoski
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Dear Dr. Kossakoski:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the preliminary AYP determination issued in April for your school will remain unchanged as the result of a recently-completed "Small School" review process.

The 2012 determination for your school remains "*Status Pending – Small School Review*". This determination occurs when a school does not meet the minimum group size of eleven for student performance calculations to issue an AYP report.

The Department's Small School Review process is as follows for schools 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 falls within Case 1. A review of student performance data for 2011 and 2012 combined yielded only four students meeting the criteria for an AYP determination, well below the required minimum group size. Your school's AYP determination will therefore remain as "*Status Pending – Small School Review*."

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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