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Dr. Matthew Conway  
Superintendent of Schools  
Derby Public Schools  
P.O. Box 373  
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Dear Dr. Conway:

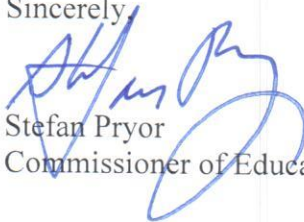
Thank you for Derby's quick turnaround and resubmission of the Alliance District Year 2 Plan Amendment. We appreciate your team's commitment to developing a robust plan with a compelling and powerful set of strategies designed to improve educational opportunities and student achievement districtwide. On behalf of the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), I want to thank you for engaging in the iterative review process; we value the opportunity to work collaboratively with you on such critical and important work. The Alliance Districts are not only improving results for their local communities, but also serving as a catalyst for statewide reform. Thank you for being a part of this important program.

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of Derby's Year 2 Amendment. I commend you on the quality of your Year 2 Amendment. The CSDE looks forward to working with Derby to successfully implement the plan. Your CSDE Turnaround Office point of contact will be in touch with you shortly to review next steps in the Year 2 process, including how to access funds. Derby's Alliance District allocation for 2013-14 is \$669,532.

The Turnaround Office is currently planning for a fall 2013 convening of Alliance Districts. During that event, we will provide more information about the vision and direction for Year 2 of the Alliance District program, including efforts to strengthen CSDE data collection and technical assistance. We are committed to providing ongoing opportunities for best practice sharing, peer district collaboration, and professional development where, together, we can work to implement strategies to increase student achievement. Please stay tuned for more information about this event. The CSDE also plans to meet periodically with Alliance Districts to discuss district progress and data.

Congratulations again on the approval of Derby's Year 2 Amendment! We hope that you have a smooth and successful start to the new school year.

Sincerely,

  
Stefan Pryor  
Commissioner of Education

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