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Re: Essential Elements Schools to Watch Recognition

Dear Dr. Glickman-Rogers:


On behalf of the New York State Education Department, the New York State Middle School Association and the entire Essential Elements Schools to Watch leadership team, it is my pleasure to officially congratulate you and the Oceanside Middle School community for being re-designated as a 2015 Essential Elements School to Watch (EE: STW). This prestigious designation recognizes your continued commitment to enhancing your school program and practices.

You have developed a model educational program in New York State that is consistent with the Regents Policy Statement on Middle Level Education, the Essential Elements of a Standards Focused Middle Level School, and the National Forum's Schools to Watch criteria. Through this rigorous application process and your successful endeavors, Oceanside Middle School will be recognized as both a State and National School to Watch.

Your school will be formally recognized and honored at the upcoming National Schools to Watch Conference, June 24-27, 2015 in Washington DC. I hope you and a team from your school will be there for this prestigious honor. Information regarding this event will be sent to you under separate cover. The name of your school will be forwarded to the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform and our partner State associations so that it can be included in any formal announcements.

Enclosed you will find the summary report from your re-designation site visit. In addition you will find a designation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the commitments your school community will have to make in order to accept this honor. Please gather the appropriate signatures and return the MOU in the enclosed envelope.

Once again, I extend my congratulations to your entire school community on this prestigious award and for your continued dedication to excellence and to student success. New York State is proud to name, for the second time, the Oceanside Middle School as a National and State School to Watch.

Sincerely,

Marybeth Casey

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