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Marco Rodrigues, Interim Superintendent
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20 Irving Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Interim Superintendent Rodrigues:

Thank you for submitting **Burncoat Street Preparatory School's** Exit Assurances and Sustainability Application that outlines the steps being taken to foster continued growth in student performance. Upon a thorough review, I am pleased to inform you that the application has been approved and the school's official accountability designation will be **Level 3**.

I commend the district for seeking to continue a wide range of authorities and flexibilities that have contributed to the positive gains and improvement that Burncoat has experienced and your effort to sustain those gains in the future.

Massachusetts law allows me to grant continuation of these authorities through the end of the 2016-2017 academic year. At that time, we will assess Burncoat Street Preparatory School's progress, and make a determination regarding ongoing continuation of authorities and flexibilities.

Thank you for your persistent efforts to create an academically rich and challenging learning environment for every student, every day at Burncoat Street Preparatory School.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

cc: Deborah Catamero, Principal, Burncoat Street Preparatory School
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