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Press Release

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The Hancock County School District, acting through its Superintendent and Board of Education, have cooperated fully and worked diligently to address any issues raised by AdvancED related to its accreditation of the school district. The State Board of Education has been provided monthly reports about the progress of the monitoring process. On February 1, 2017, the School District provided a lengthy response to the most recent report from an AdvancED review team. In that report, the District states, "over the last year and a half of the monitoring process, the Hancock County School District has implemented remarkable and positive changes in its governance structure with an updated and publicly available policy manual, a set of guidelines for board members and the superintendent to work more effectively together, a new strategic plan, meetings which run more smoothly and avoid the appearance of dissension and chaos, significant training for the Superintendent and Board members with regard to issues of governance, board operations and ethics, an obviously smoother working relationship between the current Superintendent and Board of Education and improvements in basic record keeping from board minutes to personnel files." A copy of this report was sent directly to the State Board and the District offered to provide any other information that the State Board needed or desired.

The District has met every expectation and has received no response or request for additional information from AdvancED or the State Board. The only response it has received is the setting of a hearing by the State Board for May 4. While the School District will continue to work with AdvancED through its accreditation process, it will vigorously defend against any effort to remove the board of education elected by the voters of Hancock County.