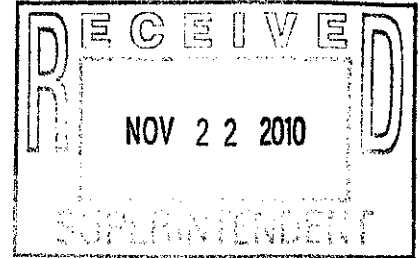




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Dear Interim Superintendent Hargens:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about the application submitted by the Wake County Public Schools for a grant under the FY2010 Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP).

As you know, the MSAP FY 2010 competition received 97 applications, which were reviewed and scored by independent expert reviewers selected from a pool of impartial and unbiased qualified educators, researchers, and evaluators. These expert reviewers carefully reviewed the applications submitted for consideration under the FY2010 MSAP competition and discussed them with their fellow peer reviewers. After completing that process, the reviewers finalized their scores and comments on the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal. The Department relies on these expert reviewers to provide their independent assessment of the applications it receives. As such, we have no further comments on the review of your application beyond what is contained on the technical review form and are not able to answer specific questions about or provide additional insights on those scores or comments.

I hope this information is helpful to you in better understanding the review process used for the FY2010 MSAP competition. If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anna Hinton, PhD
Director
Parental Options and Information

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The Honorable Brad Miller, U.S. Congressman, 13th District North Carolina
The Honorable David Price, U.S. Congressman, 4th District North Carolina
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