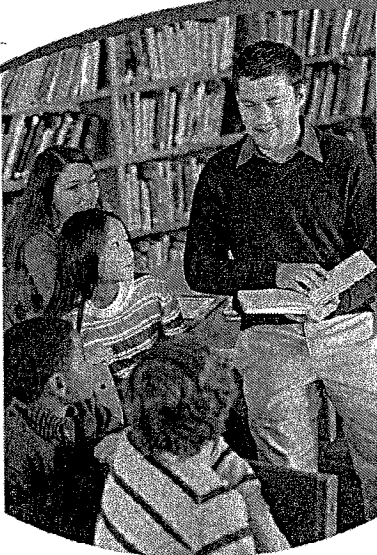
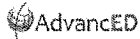


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Norris School District #160  
September 15-18, 2013

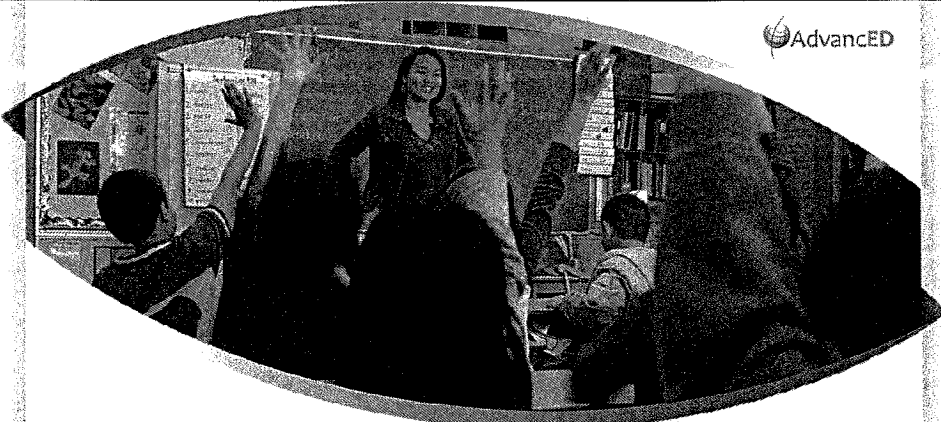


## *Accreditation is...*

An international protocol for institutions committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable improvement

- Builds capacity of the institution to improve and sustain student learning
- Stimulates and improves effectiveness and efficiency throughout the institution

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## ***Balanced Accreditation***

*Analysis and Evaluation of*


- Impact of Teaching and Learning
- Leadership Capacity
- Resource Utilization

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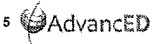
- The External Review Team
  - Comprised of professional peers with diverse experience and rich contextual perspective
  - Determines the institution's effectiveness in meeting the requirements of accreditation
- The External Review Process
  - Provides analysis and evaluation
  - Delivers valuable feedback and direction for improvement

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## Interviews & Observations

- **151 Interviews**
  - 8 Administrators
  - 27 Teachers
  - 19 Support Staff
  - 61 Students
  - 30 Parents
- **50 Effective Learning Environment Observations**

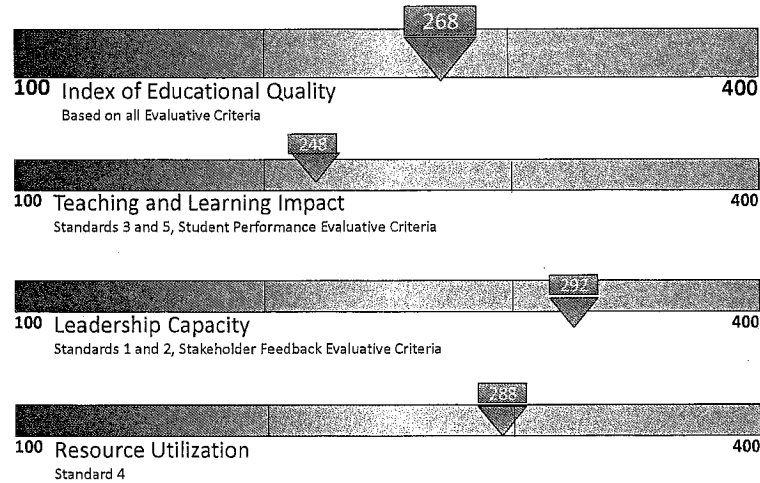
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## Learning Environment Ratings

1	Equitable Learning Environment	2.7
2	High Expectations Environment	2.7
3	Supportive Learning Environment	2.9
4	Active Learning Environment	2.9
5	Progress Monitoring and Feedback Environment	2.7
6	Well-Managed Learning Environment	2.9
7	Digital Learning Environment	1.2

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## Powerful Practices

- All stakeholder groups demonstrate a sustained commitment to values that support a family-like learning environment for all students. 1.3
- The governing body maintains a clear, sustained distinction between its roles and responsibilities and those of system and school leadership. This promotes effectiveness and efficiency of school operations. 2.3

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## **Powerful Practices** continued

- School personnel at each building participate in advocacy structures to create long-term relationships with students. 3.9
- The collaborative district RtI process, which includes data analysis, effectively identifies student needs and implements appropriate interventions to ensure academic success for all students. 3.12

## **Powerful Practices** continued

- The board and administrative leadership demonstrate exemplary financial stewardship. 4.4
- The district supports staff and students in a commitment to a healthy lifestyle. 4.7

## **Patterns and Trends**

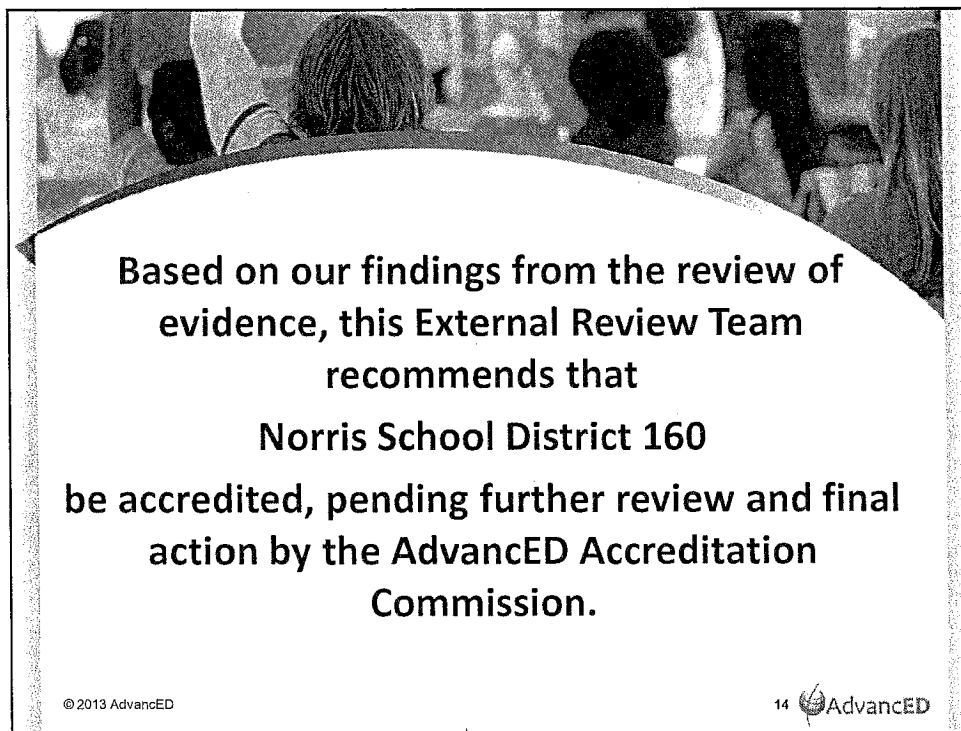
- **Commitment to the values that support a family-like learning environment...**
- **Dedication to collaborative decision making...**
- **Willingness to be risk takers and problem solvers in improving the educational opportunities...**
  - **For all students**

## **Required Actions**

- 1.1. Develop and implement a system whereby stakeholder groups engage in establishing a shared purpose and beliefs that address the current reality and align with a long range district plan for increasing student learning.
- 1.4 Ensure formalized district continuous improvement processes and procedures that are implemented with fidelity and evaluated to guarantee a systemic implementation that leads to district organizational effectiveness, accountability, and a clear focus on achievement for all students.

## Required Actions Continued

- 3.2 Develop, implement, and monitor a systematic Pre K – 12 framework for curriculum and instruction that drives ongoing professional development, aligns standards to curriculum, and provides instruction that ensures achievement for all students.
- 5.1 Develop a balanced assessment system that directly informs and drives the instructional process and leads to increased student achievement.

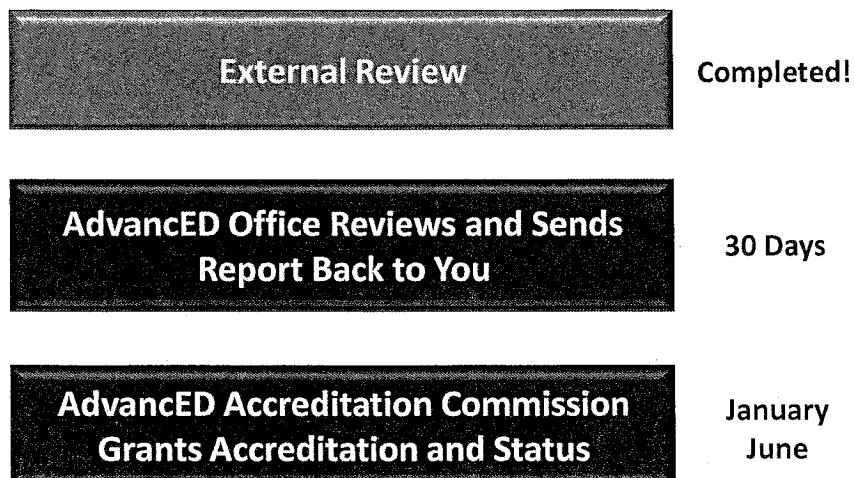


**Based on our findings from the review of evidence, this External Review Team recommends that**

**Norris School District 160**

**be accredited, pending further review and final action by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.**

## Accreditation Decision



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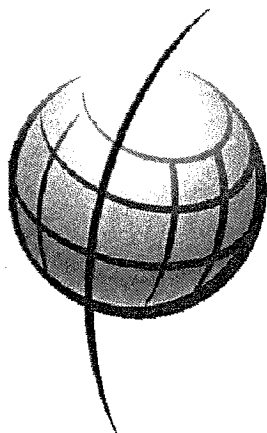
## Final Thoughts

- On behalf of the External Review Team, we extend:
  - Our appreciation for your hospitality, support, and professionalism;
  - Our respect and acknowledgement of your efforts to improve quality; and
  - Our congratulations for your progress toward achieving Accreditation as a quality institution.

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