



December 9, 2013

Dr. William D. Gathers  
Superintendent  
Mercer Area School District  
545 West Butler Street  
Mercer, PA 16137-0032

Dear Dr. Gathers:

I have been informed that the areas of non-compliance cited as a result of the gifted education compliance monitoring visit conducted on November 6 and November 7, 2012, have been corrected by the school district. It is with pleasure that I commend you and your staff for efforts made in achieving resolution of the non-compliance areas.

As you know, compliance monitoring is required by Chapter 16 – Special Education for Gifted Students Regulations to determine a local education agency's compliance with State requirements for students identified as eligible for gifted education. Your response to the monitoring visit and subsequent corrective action assures the continuation of improved gifted education services to Pennsylvania students.

The Department of Education appreciates your cooperation and the Bureau of Special Education remains available to you should you desire further assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

John J. Tommasini  
Director

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cc: Shirley K. Curl  
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Monitoring File