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Mr. Anthony D. Tindall.
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Dear Mr. Tindall:

Thank you for your submission of the *Passports* curriculum for review by the Curriculum Review Committee convened by North Carolina's Office of School Readiness and Division of Child Development.

This committee was charged with evaluating and making a recommendation for each curriculum submitted. The committee developed and adopted a definition of curriculum and eleven criteria by which to evaluate each curriculum. The criteria are: 1) evidence based; 2) planning process; 3) areas of children's development and learning; 4) scheduling and routines; 5) physical environment; 6) social environment; 7) materials and experiences; 8) diversity; 9) inclusion of children with diverse developmental/ability levels; 10) family involvement; and 11) implementation guides. In order to be recommended by the committee, the curriculum must meet the definition of curriculum and each criterion (see attachment).

Congratulations. *Passports* was recommended by the committee, with the stipulation that programs purchase the *Compass* and at least one set of study/theme materials. The committee also expressed concerns about the number of transitions included in the curriculum's sample schedule. The committee encourages you to consider these comments when making future improvements to the curriculum.

We are pleased to include *Passports* on our approved list for programs to receive a quality point towards the NC Star Rated License, which will be effective immediately, and on our approved list for the NC More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program and the NC Pre-K Standards Initiative, which will be effective for the 2009-2010 school year. We request that you inform us if you issue a new edition of the curriculum, so that we may determine if the new version is approved. Approval of this curriculum does not constitute an endorsement of any program using the curriculum.

Thank you for your participation in our process.

Sincerely,

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