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**VISITATION TEAM RECOMMENDS HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL
FOR ACCREDITATION FROM MIDDLE STATES**

HORSHAM – Impressed with Hatboro-Horsham High School after several days of visiting with students, faculty and other stakeholders, a visitation team from the Middle States Association will recommend the school for accreditation – a designation that distinguishes Hatboro-Horsham as a high-achieving organization with a solid plan for future growth.

Hatboro-Horsham has spent the past year participating in the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) process to gain accreditation from Middle States. The first phase of the AFG process came to a close April 28, after the visitation team had spent three-and-a-half days at the school talking with students and staff, and evaluating the high school on a variety of levels.

“Through intense investigation and by eliciting feedback from key stakeholders, the visitation team was able to get a glimpse of the current academic status, social climate and leadership ability within our school,” said Principal Dennis Williams.

Over 60 percent of schools that receive accreditation receive it with stipulations. The team that evaluated Hatboro-Horsham, however, recommended full accreditation without any stipulations. Based on the team’s recommendation, Middle States will then designate Hatboro-Horsham as an accredited school. In about three weeks, the high school will also receive a written report that will include recommendations for continuous improvement.

The AFG process will be ongoing for the next seven years. Hatboro-Horsham will be required to file annual reports detailing its progress toward two objectives – ensuring that all students demonstrate increased academic improvement and achievement and that all students demonstrate an increase in personal, social and civic responsibility by the year 2013.

These objectives, and the measurements that will be used to gauge progress toward them, were developed over the past school year by a committee of parents, students, administrators, teachers and community members. The committee worked together to develop a five-year plan that will help the high school continue to grow and meet its objectives.

“We did an excellent job of presenting who we are. Rather than put on a show to impress our visitors, we decided the best course of action was to just be ourselves. Our faculty and staff were outstanding during the visit and the visiting team spoke very highly of their professionalism and willingness to grow. Our visitors truly felt our sense of pride and community during their short stay with us,” said Mr. Williams.

Hatboro-Horsham High School is located at 899 Horsham Road in Horsham.