



Tupelo Public School District  
P.O. Box 557  
Tupelo, MS 38802-0557

Dear Superintendent,

I am pleased to inform you that Tupelo Public School District has been awarded district accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). This action was taken at the AdvancED Accreditation Commission meeting held on June 23, 2009. AdvancED is the parent organization of SACS CASI. The AdvancED Accreditation Commission, a national panel, reviews and takes action on all SACS CASI accreditation recommendations.

By achieving district accreditation, you show your district's commitment to a proven process that invites school districts and their stakeholders to collaborate in reviewing the quality of the district's systems, the success of each individual school, and their collective contribution to student learning and overall district effectiveness.

Your accreditation is based on a five-year term and Tupelo Public School District must continue to engage in the tasks required of all school systems to maintain its accreditation as outlined in *AdvancED Accreditation Policies and Procedures for NCA CASI and SACS CASI Accreditation* available at [www.advanc-ed.org/accreditation/district\\_accreditation/policies\\_and\\_procedures](http://www.advanc-ed.org/accreditation/district_accreditation/policies_and_procedures).

Tupelo Public School District will be recognized at the 2010 AdvancED Conference -- *Fast Forward: Educating Beyond the Horizon*. This second annual global conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia April 17-19, 2010 at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel. You will receive an invitation and details after the first of the year. To help you celebrate district accreditation, we are providing you with a press release that you may share with your local media. You can access the press release by visiting [www.advanc-ed.org/communicationskit](http://www.advanc-ed.org/communicationskit).

Congratulations on your SACS CASI district accreditation. We look forward to serving you in the 2009-10 school year and years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D.  
President/CEO

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