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DR TRACY HANDERHAN SUPERINTENDENT WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1620 18TH AVE WALL NJ 07719-3744

Dear Dr. Handerhan:

I am pleased to notify you that the Navy will continue the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) unit at Wall High School in a probationary status during the 2023-2024 school year. As discussed in my letter last fall, your NNDCC unit was placed on probation due to low enrollment. Because of the school's efforts to improve enrollment and your projections for next year, the Navy authorized continued operation for one more year in a probationary status.

I am hopeful that you will meet the minimum enrollment requirement promulgated both in Title 10, Section 2034(2) of the U.S. Code, and in our agreement on your October 2, 2023 enrollment report. If, as projected, the school meets the minimum enrollment requirement, the Navy will remove the unit from probation. If, however, your unit falls short of the requirement for a second consecutive year, our policy requires we recommend to the Secretary of the Navy that the unit be closed at the end of the school year, which would be June 30, 2024, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Our goal with this probationary process is to create a viable NNDCC unit at Wall High School by ensuring your district, the school, and its valued NNDCC unit take the appropriate measures to meet cadet enrollment requirements so the Navy can continue to fund the NNDCC unit at Wall High School. Your Area Manager, Commander Jim Miller, U.S. Navy (Retired), remains available to assist instructors and school officials in their efforts to meet the minimum enrollment requirements. He can be reached at (224) 545-3570.

Thank you for your support of the NNDCC program. I am pleased that enrollment projections are positive and look forward to a satisfactory enrollment report next October. The Navy greatly values support of youth citizenship development in the Wall, New Jersey area and looks forward to seeing this unit maintain a viable status.

Sincerely,

C. T. MATTINGLY Captain, U.S. Navy

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