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Linda Thomas, Principal  
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Dear Ms. Thomas: *Linda*

Based on an increase in your School Performance Score from 2007 to 2008, Louisiana School for the Deaf has been designated a school of Recognized Academic Growth. It is with tremendous pride and honor that I extend my congratulations to you, your staff, your students and your school community for having earned this impressive label.

While these rewards are derived from calculations and data, the gains represent improved outcomes for the students that you serve. We appreciate the tremendous dedication and good work that is taking place in your school, and I hope that you will have the opportunity to celebrate the success of your school with your staff, students and community.

Your progress is proof that we can create a world-class education system for all students in Louisiana, and my hope is that your school and students will continue to advance through your efforts.

If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 225-342-3974.

Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Pastorek  
State Superintendent of Education

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Enclosures

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