



April 1, 2014

Dr. Michael Grego
 Superintendent
 Pinellas County Schools
 452 West Amelia Street
 Orlando, FL 32808

Dear Superintendent Grego:

Congratulations! I am pleased to share with you the Academy Assessment results for an outstanding NAF academy in Pinellas County Schools.

As you know, the National Academy Foundation (NAF) is an acclaimed network of career-themed academies that open doors for underserved high school students to viable careers. For over 30 years, NAF has refined a proven model that provides young people access to industry-specific curricula, work-based learning experiences, and relationships with business professionals. This year, NAF academies will serve more than 70,000 students in over 560 academies in 38 states, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

NAF's assessment process is conducted annually to ensure quality and better direct professional development and programmatic support for academies in our network and to determine an academy's level of fidelity to the NAF model. Their total scores place them on a continuum that represents their standing with regard to the NAF model standards.

Membership Status	Under Review	Member	Certified	Model
Score	Academy is not meeting expectations and will need to make improvements	Academy is in process of completing their full program or academy needs to improve to move to Certified status	Academy is meeting a majority of the standards	Academy is meeting the highest proportion of standards and has completed the program having a graduating class

In addition, NAF has created a Distinguished category, achieved by only a handful of academies each year that earn the highest scores on the assessment and meet additional thresholds that allow them to be considered outstanding in the network. **Northeast High School Academy of Finance has reached this distinction for the fourth year.** I want to acknowledge the principal and academy team for their hard work, particularly:

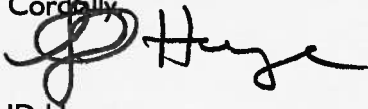
Principal, Kevin Hendrick
 Academy Director, Debbie Fischer

This school is a shining example of what can be accomplished when districts and schools move to a culture of linking education and business to benefit students.

Distinguished academies will be highlighted at our national conference, NAF Next, which will be held July 9-12 in Washington, D.C.

Thank you again for your commitment and support of the students, advisory board members, community partners and the academy teams in your NAF academies.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD Hoyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

JD Hoyer
President