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Dear Dr. Handerhan:

As Commander of Naval Service Training Command, I have cognizance over the Navy National Defense Cadet Corps (NNDCC) Program. This letter details concern with the repeated enrollment below the minimum required by the law at Wall High School's NNDCC unit.

As detailed in the letter of probation sent last school year in December 2021, to ensure efficient use of scarce Navy resources, minimum enrollment requirements are promulgated both in Title 10 of the United States Code Section 2034 (2) and in the agreement establishing the unit. The minimum enrollment requirement is 50 cadets enrolled in the unit. As of the 1 October 2022, Enrollment Report, the reported enrollment for Wall High School's NNDCC was 37 cadets.

In the spring of 2022, Wall High School reported it had corrected the root cause of the low enrollment deficiency and projected it would enroll at least 50 cadets this school year. Consequently, the unit was not closed on June 30, 2022, and was continued for one more year. Unfortunately, on 1 October 2022, the reported enrollment for your NNDCC unit was only 37 cadets, which was even less than the 42 reported October 1, 2021. Despite the additional year, your enrollment is below the minimum requirement.

Although previous probation correspondence detailed that the unit could immediately be recommended for closure on June 1, 2022, should low enrollment repeat, the NJROTC program recognizes your significant efforts to restore enrollment. Accordingly, the probation period for Wall High School is extended until next spring when once again, we will carefully evaluate your high school's approach to correcting this significant deficiency and projected enrollment for the following school year 2023-2024.

During the extended probation period, my Citizenship Development staff and your Area Manager will work closely with your unit and evaluate its potential to obtain the minimum enrollment next year. No later than April 1, 2023, once again, please send a projected NNDCC student enrollment number for school year 2023-24 to us via your Area Manager. Your NNDCC Area Manager, Commander Jimmie Miller, U.S. Navy (Retired), is available to assist your

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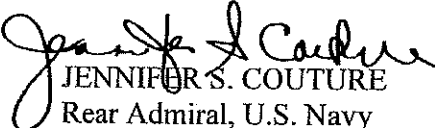
principal and the NNDCC instructors in their efforts to increase program enrollment. Commander Miller's phone number is (224) 545-3570.

When evaluating your unit in the spring of 2023, if the low enrollment is deemed to be due to something unforeseen and school's determination to return enrollment above the minimum number of cadets is evaluated to be most likely successful, then continued operation of the NNDCC unit for another year may be authorized. **If it is assessed that the school's efforts to restore the unit will most likely not succeed, unfortunately, the unit will be recommended for closure on June 30, 2023.**

Finally, if you determine that next year's enrollment cannot be improved, we can work towards a mutual agreement to disestablish the unit. The NJROTC program does not foresee any more years of grace extended to Wall High School's repeated low enrollment NNDCC unit.

Thank you for your support of the NNDCC unit. I am hopeful that you can succeed this year and improve the low enrollment of Wall High School's NNDCC unit or concur with mutually disestablishing the program. The Navy greatly values your support of youth citizenship development in the Wall, New Jersey area and looks forward to seeing this unit achieve and maintain a viable status.

Sincerely,

  
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