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Dr. Robert P. Deegan Superintendent/President Palomar College 1140 W. Mission Road San Marcos, CA 92069-1487

Dear President Deegan:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Friday, April 1, 2011. The Commission took action to **remove Warning** and **reaffirm accreditation**.

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the college web site can accomplish this. Should you require an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet standards that require the identification and assessment of student learning outcomes, and the use of assessment data to plan and implement improvements to educational quality by fall 2012. The Commission reminds Palomar College that it must be prepared to demonstrate that it meets these standards by fall 2012 (Standards I.B.1, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, II.B.4, II.C.2, and III.A.1.c).

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Palomar College should submit the Midterm Report by March 15, 2012.

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On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Berta Cuaron, Accreditation Liaison Officer Board President, Palomar Community College District Mr. James Barr, Team Chair