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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that after reviewing our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER), additional evidentiary materials, and the Peer Review Team Report, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges, **reaffirmed the accreditation of Palomar College for 18 months**, at its meeting June 1-3, 2022. We are required to provide a Follow-Up Report in November 2023. Upon receipt and review of the Follow-Up Report, ACCJC will act on the accreditation status of the College for the remainder of our cycle.

In the action letter received by the College, ACCJC restated and recognized the commendation we received for exceeding Standards III.A.8, III.A.14 and our exemplary performance in Professional Development. Further, the Commission stated its appreciation for the diligent work and thoughtful reflection that we undertook as a College to prepare for our review. Our Peer Review Team Report remains the best in the history of our institution.

It is noteworthy that ACCJC did elevate one of the Peer Review Team's institutional effectiveness recommendations to a compliance recommendation. However, we are already working to address this recommendation.

The Peer Review Team Report and ACCJC's letter of action are posted on Palomar's [Accreditation webpage](#).

I want to thank the Governing Board for their leadership and all employees and students who participated in developing the ISER and preparing and participating in the peer review visit. I am especially grateful to the Accreditation Writing Leadership Team and to Senior Director Michelle Barton for their incredible commitment and due diligence throughout this process.

In bringing you this news, I am hopeful that you all will continue to have a restful and enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued commitment to Palomar College and the success of our students.

Kind Regards,

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