

May 17, 2016

Dr. Tisa Mason  
President  
Valley City State University  
101 College Street, SW  
Valley City, ND 58072

Dear Dr. Mason:

I am pleased to inform you that the Selected Improvement Commission of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) at its Apr 30, 2016-May 3, 2016 meeting in Bethesda, Maryland, decided to continue the NCATE accreditation of the School of Education and Graduate Studies at Valley City State University at the initial teacher preparation and advanced preparation levels. This accreditation decision indicates that the education preparation provider (EPP) and its programs meet rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community. A certificate that acknowledges the educator preparation provider's (EPP's) accomplishment is enclosed with the copy of this letter that has been sent to the head of your EPP. The Commission also made a distinct decision to recognize that the EPP is moving toward target on Standard 3.

Special congratulations are in order because the Commission cited no areas for improvement relative to any of the standards. You are welcome to use the information provided in the Board of Examiners' report as you see fit.

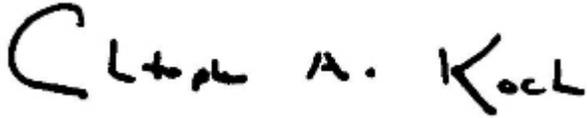
The next accreditation visit – using the CAEP standards – is scheduled for **Fall 2022**. As the transition to CAEP progresses, you will receive more information. I encourage your institution to begin now to plan for the CAEP standards and processes, and to take advantage of CAEP's capacity-building opportunities. Resources, such as the CAEP Accreditation Handbook and Evidence Guide as well as the opportunity to sign up for the CAEP Accreditation Weekly Updates ([bit.ly/CAEP-Connections](http://bit.ly/CAEP-Connections)) are available on CAEP's website ([caepnet.org](http://caepnet.org)).

In the meantime, institutions are asked to complete the CAEP annual report each year during the accreditation period. We ask that you keep us informed of your provider's efforts to assure that you continue to meet expectations of the standards through the annual report.

Enclosed is a copy of our Policies on Dissemination of Information, which describe the terms and dates by which your current accreditation action becomes a matter of public record. This document also indicates organizations that will be notified of accreditation action. If your state has a partnership agreement, the state agency with program approval authority has access to these documents online through CAEP's Accreditation Information Management System (AIMS).

Congratulations again on this accomplishment. Should you have any questions regarding Commission's action or the items reported herein, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Tatiana Rivadeneyra ([tatiana.rivadeneyra@caepnet.org](mailto:tatiana.rivadeneyra@caepnet.org)), Direction of Accreditation, Selected Improvement and Transformation Initiative Pathways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Koch". The letters are cursive and somewhat slanted to the right.

Christopher A. Koch  
President

Enclosures

cc: Dr. Gary Thompson, School of Education and Graduate Studies  
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Dr. Janet Placek Welk, North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board  
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