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June 30, 2009

Dr. Phoebe Helm  
Superintendent/President  
Hartnell College  
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Dear President Helm:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2009, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Tuesday, April 21-Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The Commission took action to accept the report.

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 copies in the College library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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.

All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Hartnell College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2010**. Midterm Reports indicate resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, include a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

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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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President

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cc: Ms. Kathleen Rose, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Board President, Hartnell Community College District  
Dr. Christopher McCarthy, Team Chair  
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