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Dr. Willard Lewallen
Superintendent/President
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Dear President Lewallen:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 3-5, 2015, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Hartnell College and the report of the evaluation team that visited on April 15, 2015. The College Follow-Up Report was certified by college and district leadership, including the president of the board of trustees, the college president, the Accreditation Liaison Officer, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Follow-Up Report, evidence submitted, and the Team Report, the Commission finds that Hartnell College has addressed Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 11 from the last comprehensive evaluation, resolved the deficiencies, and meets Standards I.B.1; I.B.2; I.B.3; I.B.4; I.B.5; I.B.6; I.B.7; II.A.1.c; II.A.2.a; II.A.2.b; II.A.2.e; II.A.2.f; II.A.2.g; II.A.2.h; II.A.2.i; II.A.3; II.B.1; II.B.3; II.B.3.a,c,d,e,f; II.B.4; II.C; II.C.1; II.C.1.a; II.C.1.c; III.A.1.b-c; III.A.2; III.A.3.a; III.A.5.a; III.B.2.b; III.C.2; III.D.1; III.D.1.a,b,d; III.D.2.b,e; III.D.3; III.D.3.h; IV.A.2; IV.A.2.a; and ER 10 and 19. Therefore, the Commission took action to remove Hartnell College from Warning and **reaffirm accreditation**.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Hartnell College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the Midterm Report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Standards have been sustained. Hartnell College should submit the **Midterm Report** by **March 15, 2016**.¹

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2015 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report, the External Evaluation Team Report, and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Follow-Up Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to students and the public

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by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.*

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to encourage your continued work to ensure Hartnell College's educational quality and to support students' success. Professional self-regulation is the responsibility of an accredited college and the accreditor. Thank you for sharing in that responsibility.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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