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Dr. Stefani Gray Hicswa
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Dear President Hicswa: *Stefani*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Miles Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation, which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2011 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report.

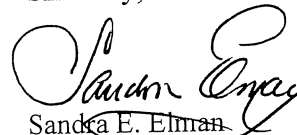
In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report as an addendum to the Spring 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Miles Community College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,


Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Mr. Garth Sleight, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs ✓
Ms. Susan Stanton, Board Chair
Mr. Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System

Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report
Spring 2012
Miles Community College
Recommendation

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the College establish core theme outcomes and indicators of achievement that provide direct evidence of results rather than process, and which form the *basis of evaluating* the objectives of the core theme (1.B.2). Further, the committee recommends that the College strengthen its definition of an *acceptable threshold of mission fulfillment* (1.A.2).
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