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Mr. Thomas C. Mohr  
President  
Cañada College  
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Dear President Mohr:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 7-9, 2009, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the college. The Commission took action to accept the report, **remove the college from Warning**, and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission also reminds the college of the previously imposed requirement to complete a Follow-Up Report by **October 15, 2009**.

The Follow-Up Report of October 2009 must demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations as noted in the Commission Action Letter dated January 31, 2008 and restated below:

**District Recommendation 6**

The team recommends that the district develop and implement appropriate policies and procedures that incorporate effectiveness in producing student learning outcomes into the evaluation process of faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated student learning outcomes. (Standard III.A.1.c)

**District Recommendation 7**

In order to fully meet standards regarding district evaluation procedures, the team recommends that while the district has clearly defined rules and regulations for the hiring and evaluation of the chancellor, that same clarity of process should be extended to evaluating college presidents, therefore the district should develop rules and regulations for the evaluation of college presidents. (Standards IV.B.1 and IV.B.1.j)

**District Recommendation 8**

In order to fully meet accreditation standards and improve effectiveness, the team recommends that:

- a. the board should regularly evaluate its "Rules and Regulations" and revise them as necessary. (Standard IV. B.1.e)
- b. the district and colleges should collaborate to implement a process to regularly evaluate the delineation of functions and widely communicate those findings in order to enhance the college's effectiveness and institutional success. (Standard IV.B.3.g)

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I also wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation.

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. 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 the Chancellor, 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.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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