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Dr. Nick Swayne, President
North Idaho College
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Dear Dr. Swayne,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us this week to share an update on the efforts being made to secure North Idaho College's accreditation status and to move the college forward in a positive direction. It is imperative that the academic and technical programs offered at North Idaho College remain available to our community, and that our students specifically are able to have quality educational choices that are affordable and accessible. We appreciate the efforts that NIC faculty have made to wall off the recent leadership turmoil while they have continued to deliver quality instruction.

As a small school, our students value the ability to take courses that we cannot offer such as Calculus I, Music Theory, and Financial Accounting, as well as technical programs such as Diesel Technology and CNC Machining. Maintaining continuity and stability at North Idaho College for STEM students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree or Technical Certificate in high school is critically important to us. You made clear that you are committed to protect and preserve these pathways moving forward. We are hopeful that NIC will take the specific necessary steps outlined in the Show Cause letter from the Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities (NWCCU) to make that happen. Our students and community are counting on it.

Sincerely,

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Scott Thomson
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DPence", written in a cursive style.

Deborah Pence
Director of Secondary Programs

Cc: Marcy Hoggatt, Brad Corkill, Greg McKenzie, Tarie Zimmerman, Mike Waggoner, Todd Banducci