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Dr. Beth Weatherby
Chancellor, The University of Montana Western
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Dear Dr. Weatherby:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on May 3, 2016 and I am pleased to inform you that the following accreditation status has been granted:

The School of Education, Business and Technology at The University of Montana Western is granted initial **accreditation for seven years** with areas for improvement (AFIs) outlined on the enclosed accreditation action report.

Details of the accreditation status are provided in the enclosed accreditation action report. The enclosed Information on CAEP Accreditation provides further information on the CAEP process and provider responsibilities during the accreditation term.

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to CAEP Accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher A. Koch'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report, Certificate of Accreditation (sent to provider leadership), and Information on CAEP Accreditation

cc: Dr. Delena I. Norris-Tull, School of Education, Business and Technology
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