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Dr. Vikki Howard, Chair
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Dear Dr. Vikki Howard:

This letter officially confirms the action taken by the Montana Board of Public Education (BPE) on May 11, 2016, granting approval and Regular Accreditation Status through 2022 of the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the Education Department at the University of Montana Western (UMW).

The BPE sets policy for the approval of Montana professional educator preparation providers (EPPs) and all endorsement programs offered by each EPP. The purpose of the joint Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and Montana site visit was verification of the UMW Education Department's Institutional Report meeting the Montana Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards, thus ensuring compliance with the Administrative Rules of Montana, Chapter 10.58.

On behalf of the BPE Chair Carroll and State Superintendent Juneau, I wish to commend you for your leadership and the demonstrated commitment of the greater campus community to fostering continuous improvement of the educator preparation program at UMT and across Montana. Congratulations for a job well done.

For further information, please contact me by telephone at 406-444-5726, or by email at lypeterson@mt.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Peterson".

Linda Vrooman Peterson, Ph.D.

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