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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS (bepulaski@aol.com)

Dr. Katie Karzen, Dentist/Director The Valley School for Dental Assisting 16500 Ventura Blvd #315 Encino, CA 91436

> Re: Reaccreditation Denied (Final Action) ACCET ID #1398

Dear Dr. Karzen,

This letter is to inform you that the denial of reaccreditation by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) is a final action. The Commission's action letter, dated December 22, 2016, informed you of the Commission's decision to deny reaccreditation, along with notice that this was not a final action. The letter also notified the institution of the opportunity to appeal, in accordance with ACCET policy, if notice of intent to appeal was received by ACCET within 15 days of the institution's receipt of the Commission letter. No notice of intent to appeal was received by the January 11, 2017 deadline, which was fifteen days from your confirmed receipt of the Commission letter by Federal Express on December 27, 2016; therefore, the available administrative remedy through the appeal process was exhausted and the Commission's adverse action became final, effective January 11, 2017.

Institutions subject to a final adverse action are provided the opportunity to submit official comment with regard to the Commission's action. If received within 15 days of receipt of this letter, your official comments will be posted on the website, along with the Commission's denial of accreditation.

As a closing note, it remains our hope that the accreditation evaluation process has served to focus your institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of administrative and academic policies, procedures, and practices that ensure a high level of quality and integrity on behalf of your students.

Sincerely,

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**Executive Director** 

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