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VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS (accetbranford@branfordhall.com)

Mr. Stanford Silverman, CEO/Founder Trigram Education Partners, LLC Branford Hall Career Institute 1 Summit Place Branford, CT 06405

> Re: Accreditation Withdrawal while on Show Cause (Final Action) ACCET ID #1507

Dear Mr. Silverman:

This letter is written to advise you of the outcome of the appeals hearing held on January 7, 2021 regarding the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) to withdraw accreditation under a show cause directive to Branford Hall Career Institute based on the finding of non-compliance identified in the Commission's letter dated October 12, 2020.

Upon careful review of the record, including the institution's written appeals brief (dated December 11, 2020), additional documentation, including status updates (dated December 2, 2020 and January 4, 2021) and an updated credit facility commitment (dated January 4, 2021), as well as oral presentations by representatives of both the institution and ACCET during the January 7, 2021 appeals hearing, the appeals panel unanimously voted to affirm the Commission's decision to withdraw the accreditation of Branford Hall Career Institute, based on the institution's violation of ACCET Standards for Accreditation as set forth in the Commission's decision letter of October 12, 2020. The appeals panel found that the institution failed to provide documented evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following ACCET Standard:

Standard III-A Stability

Therefore, it was the unanimous decision of members of the Appeals Panel to affirm the Commission's decision conveyed in the October 12, 2020 action letter. Thus, the decision to withdraw accreditation under a show cause directive to the institution is a final action. It is noted for the record that the Commission acknowledged the appeals panel's decision to affirm the withdrawal of accreditation to Branford Hall Career Institute after due consideration of the written record at its January 11, 2021 Commission meeting.

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As a closing note, the institution has the opportunity to provide a narrative to the Commission's action within 15 days of receipt of this letter. ACCET reserves the right to redact any inappropriate or inflammatory comments prior to posting the response on the website.

Sincerely,

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