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April 8, 2014

VIA EMAIL & FEDERAL EXPRESS
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Mr. Chul Kyu Hwang, President
Discovery School
539 Durie Avenue
Closter, NJ 07624

***Re.: Initial Accreditation Denial – Final Action
ACCET ID# 1389***

Dear Mr. Hwang:

This letter is written to advise you that the denial of initial accreditation of Discovery School by the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) was affirmed by the ACCET Appeals Panel at the March 31, 2014 hearing, and is now a final action. The Accrediting Commission denied initial accreditation to Discovery School in its letter dated December 13, 2013, citing twenty-one (21) findings of non-compliance, along with specifying an opportunity to appeal the decision. The institution submitted its request to appeal and subsequently provided its appeals brief and exhibits on February 11, 2014. It further provided supplementary exhibits to ACCET by email on April 2, 2014, after the conclusion of the hearing on this matter. Upon review of the institution's brief and its presentation at the March 27, 2014 hearing, the panel affirmed the Commission's findings, as referenced in the enclosed Decision of the Appeals Panel. Therefore, the decision to deny initial accreditation to the institution is a final action. It is noted for the record that the Commission acknowledged the appeals panel's decision to deny initial accreditation to Discovery School after its consideration of the written record, including the appeals brief and exhibits.

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. It remains our hope that the accreditation process has served to focus the institution's resources and commitment towards strengthening its operations through the systematic and effective implementation of policies and procedures that ensure the highest level of quality and integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William V. Larkin".

William V. Larkin, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Decision of the Appeals Panel

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March 31, 2014

In re: Discovery School #1389

**AFFIRM DECISION
Re: Denial of Accreditation**

Appeal of the decision of the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training at its December 2013 meeting, denying initial accreditation to Discovery School located at 539 Durie Avenue, Closter NJ 07624, with a branch campus in Palisades Park, NJ.

DECISION OF THE APPEALS PANEL

Having considered the record before the Accrediting Commission when it made its decision in this case at its December 2013 meeting, the institution's written appeals brief, dated February 11, 2014, and the oral presentation made by representatives of the institution (Mr. Daniel Hwang, President, Ms. Youngah Hwang, Vice President, and Mr. Ronald Holt, Attorney) who appeared at the hearing before the Appeals Panel on March 31, 2014, the members of the Appeals Panel unanimously find with regard to the citations outlined in the December 13, 2013 Commission action letter, as follows:

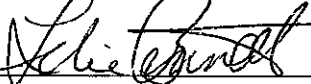
The institution is in violation of the following standards as set forth in the Commission's decision letter of December 13, 2013:

- 1) Standard I-A Mission (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 2) Standard I-B Goals (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 3) Standard II-A Governance (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 4) Standard II-C Personnel Management (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 5) Standard II-D Records (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 6) Standard II-F Professional Relationships (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 7) Standard III-B Financial Procedures (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 8) Standard IV-A Educational Goals and Objectives (Closter and Palisades Park)

- 9) Standard IV-C Performance Measurements (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 10) Standard IV-D Curriculum Review and Revision (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 11) Standard V-A Instructional Methods (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 12) Standard VI-A Qualification of Instructional Personnel (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 13) Standard VI-B Supervision of Instruction (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 14) Standard VI-C Instructor Orientation and Training (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 15) Standard VII-A Recruitment (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 16) Standard VII-B Enrollment (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 17) Standard VII-D Student Services (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 18) Standard VIII-A Student Progress (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 19) Standard VIII-B Attendance (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 20) Standard VIII-C Participant Satisfaction (Closter and Palisades Park)
- 21) Standard VIII-E Completion and Placement (Closter and Palisades Park)

The Appeals Panel acknowledges that the institution has initiated some corrective actions to improve its operation; however these actions were incomplete and without sufficient validation of their systematic and effective implementation prior to the Commission's December 7, 2013 decision. Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the members of the Appeals Panel to affirm the Commission's decision conveyed in the December 13, 2013 action letter.

APPEALS PANEL

by  _____

Mr. Leslie Bennett
Chairperson

CONCURRING

Ms. Nadine Baladi
Ms. Jill Fisher