



May 7, 2021

Mr. Todd Hernandez
President
Northwest State Community College
22600 State Route 34
Archbold, OH 43502

Dear President Hernandez:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Northwest State Community College by the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on May 3, 2021. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action with Interim Monitoring. IAC continued the accreditation of Northwest State Community College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2030-31. In conjunction with this action, IAC required the following interim monitoring.

Embedded Monitoring Report. An embedded report in the college's Year 4 Assurance Review on Core Component 4B: Improvement to assessment of institutional learning outcomes.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

Rationale: The institution has acknowledged the issue surrounding assessment and has addressed the issues in the past. The expectations outlined by the visit team require a longer timeline; therefore, the IAC believes embedding the report in the Year 4 Assurance Review is appropriate.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for Accreditation Liaison Officers to review and manage information regarding the institution's accreditation relationship. Accreditation Liaison Officers may request the ISR Report on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/isr-request>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions.html>.

Please note: Revisions to HLC's Criteria for Accreditation will go into effect on September 1, 2020. Institutions will be evaluated against the revised Criteria for all reviews conducted after that date, including reviews related to previously assigned monitoring. Institutional reports submitted after September 1, 2020, that reference the Criteria should be written to the revised version. More information about the revised Criteria, including a crosswalk between the current and revised versions, is available on HLC's website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/criteria>.

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If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison Jeffrey Rosen. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

CC: ALO