

# EXHIBIT A

January 11, 2019

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Dear Dr. Sandeen:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on December 14, 2018 and has made the following accreditation decision:

The accreditation of the College of Education at University of Alaska Anchorage is Revoked as described in the Accreditation Action Report.

The Accreditation Council panel reconvened after the meeting in October and reconsidered a stipulation preliminarily recorded for standard 3. The stipulation was changed to an area for improvement. We encourage you to attend to the areas for improvement and stipulations identified in the enclosed Accreditation Action Report. Strengths noted in the site visit report have not been reiterated but are certainly considered part of the Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) accreditation record. You may use the information in context and as detailed in the site visit report at your discretion.

A significant amount of thought and effort goes into the accreditation process. CAEP has confidence in its site visitors and councilors, and I want you to know that your EPP was examined with great care throughout each stage of the accreditation process. The recent meeting of the Accreditation Council culminates several years of preparation and deliberation on the part of both the EPP seeking accreditation and CAEP, beginning with the self-study report process and ending with the deliberation of the Council.

In response to the decision, you can submit comments in writing or by email. These comments will be part of your accreditation record and will be available to the appropriate state licensing agency and the public upon request.

Please note that in response to an adverse decision there are two options available:

- (1) allowing the decision to stand, or
- (2) filing an appeal, as detailed in the Appeals Policy 3.02:

## Appeals Policy 3.02 Appeals of Adverse Accreditation Decisions

CAEP will consider appeals of adverse accreditation decisions provided sufficient evidence is presented that:

- Stated procedures were not followed by the site visitors, the Accreditation Council, or CAEP staff; or

- Demonstrable bias, conflict of interest, or prejudice by site visitors or members of the Accreditation Council influenced the Accreditation Council's accreditation decision; or
- CAEP's decision was not supported adequately or was contrary to the facts presented and known at the time of the decision.

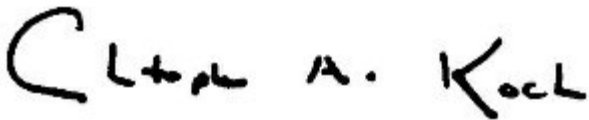
Please note that if you decide not to appeal, the decision will become final. Per Accreditation Policy 5.14(b)4a: "In a case where accreditation is revoked or denied, the EPP can begin the application process after one (1) year from the date of the final decision."

CAEP's notification policy and practices are aligned with the requirements for accreditation agency recognition by the U.S. Secretary of Education. Notification of any final decision to revoke accreditation must be made to the appropriate state licensing agency and the public within 24 hours of a final decision to revoke accreditation. Therefore, the decision to revoke accreditation from the College of Education will be considered final and a matter of public record, unless a notice of intent to appeal is submitted within 15 days. After verification pursuant to Appeals Policy 3.06, and while the appeal is pending, the EPP's prior accreditation or applicant status remains in effect. Following a final decision for revocation, CHEA will be notified as required.

You will receive a copy of the letter and appeals policy sent by certified mail. In the event you elect to file an appeal, you have **15 days from physical receipt of this letter** to file a notice of the intent to appeal the decision of the Council.

All future correspondence should be sent to Dr. Vince O'Neill ([vince.oneill@caepnet.org](mailto:vince.oneill@caepnet.org)). He can also provide further explanation of the Council's findings or assist you in determining any future courses of action.

Sincerely yours,



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President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report, Information for Providers Following Revocation of CAEP Accreditation, Appeals Policy

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