



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, DC 20202

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Christopher Koch, President
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Dear Mr. Koch,

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the recognition of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). Department of Education staff and the National Advisory Council on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI) have each made recommendations to me. These recommendations were made under Sections 114 and 496 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the staff and NACIQI recommended that I withdraw and terminate recognition from TEAC and remove TEAC from the published list of nationally recognized accrediting bodies.

As required, I considered the full record, which included the staff recommendation and the transcript of the NACIQI hearing on June 24, 2016.

I concur with the recommendations of Department staff and NACIQI. Having merged with another entity to form a new accrediting body, TEAC has ceased to exist as an independent accrediting agency, rendering moot any question of continuing program eligibility based on TEAC accreditation. TEAC did not respond to multiple written requests regarding the need to submit a petition for continued recognition if it wished to remain a recognized accrediting agency. Accordingly, I withdraw and terminate the Department's recognition of TEAC as a nationally recognized accrediting agency, effective on the date of this letter.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Vadehra".

Emma Vadehra
Chief of Staff

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