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OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Elizabeth H. Sibolski, President
Middle States Commission on Higher Education
3624 Market Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Dear Ms. Sibolski:

I am writing to inform you of my decision on the renewal of recognition of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). U.S. Department of Education (Department) staff and the National Advisory Committee 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, as amended, and pursuant to relevant statutory and regulatory provisions.

Both the Department staff and the NACIQI recommended that I grant MSCHE renewed federal recognition for a period of five years. I concur with those recommendations and I grant renewed recognition to MSCHE for a period of five years.

Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of institutions of higher education in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, including distance and correspondence education programs offered at those institutions. Recognition extends to the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Commission as necessary on cases of initial, reaffirmed, and continued candidacy or initial, reaffirmed and continued accreditation.

Please convey my best wishes to the members of the MSCHE. We appreciate their work to improve the quality and success of U.S. postsecondary education.

Sincerely,

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