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Hi everyone-

If we missed you this afternoon, here is the press release. The District met or exceeded all 128 ACCJC standards, received NO compliance recommendations, and was given the highest level of reaffirmation status—**Seven years with no visit**. The District also received three commendations as follows:

**Commendation 1:** The team commends the college for the development and implementation of the Student Success Program. The Program exceeds the standard for delivery of learning support services for disproportionately impacted groups. This shows deep commitment, supports learning and helps accomplish the mission of the institution. (II.C.1)

**Commendation 2:** The team commends the district for their implementation and engagement of the Hanford and Tulare Centers. These specialized yet comprehensive instructional centers also support all components of student services. The team also noted that both centers had impressive partnerships with their communities and area high schools. (II.C.3. and III.B.2.)

**Commendation 3:** The team commends the district for college-wide engagement in the planning and governance process. Over the past several years, the college clearly engaged all sectors and staffing levels across their three sites of the district in developing, understanding and effectively using their Model of Integrated Planning and the College of Sequoias Participatory Governance Structure. Most notably, the Model is dependent upon the effective and collaborative governance structure that has been embraced by all faculty, staff, administrators, and board members. The Team noted a spirit of trust, accountability and genuine participation that exceeds the ACCJC Standard on Effective Planning and Implementation. (IV.A.1)

Please see the following press release and the attached letter from the ACCJC for more details. Thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to the principles of COS 2.0!

Sincerely,



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#### College of the Sequoias – Reaffirmed Accreditation for seven years

The College of the Sequoias Community College District (District) was notified this week that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) took action at their January meeting to reaffirm the District for seven years, their highest level of reaffirmation. Based on the District's Institutional Self Evaluation Report and a site visit conducted in October 2018, the Commission found that the District met or exceeded all 128 accreditation standards in addition to meeting the 21 Federal Eligibility Requirements.

In its letter dated January 25, 2019, the ACCJC formally commended the District for a) the development of its Student Success Program and the support it provides to disproportionately impacted groups; b) the implementation and engagement of state-approved Centers in Tulare and Hanford; and c) its college-wide engagement in the planning and governance process.

"This is wonderful news for our community and our employees but most of all for our students," says District Superintendent/President Brent Calvin. "I would like to thank our board for their continued support and our faculty, staff, and administrators for all of their hard work over the last several years and for their commitment to COS 2.0."

"For the District to be commended for exceeding the standards in the areas of our planning and governance processes is especially gratifying and speaks to the transformation that has occurred within our District, as these were the two primary areas that caused us problems back in 2012," added Calvin.

The District had been placed on a Show Cause Sanction back in 2012 and given one year to improve after previous recommendations to clarify its planning and governance processes. Through the efforts of all groups on campus as well as a Community Advisory Committee, the District was able to develop sustainable models that are now recognized as best practices throughout the community college system.