June 14,2002

Ms. Sandra Serrano  
President  
Bakersfield College  
1801 Panorama Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  

Dear President Serrano:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 9-11,2002, reviewed the Interim Report submitted by the college and the report of the evaluation team which visited on April 16,2002. I am pleased to inform you that the report was accepted with the requirement that the college submit a Progress Report by November 1,2002. The Progress Report should focus on the following concern:

The Board of Trustees and the Chancellor should closely monitor annual enrollments, district-wide expenditures, state funding allocations, cash reserves and cash flow to make any necessary adjustments in the plans to ensure Bakersfield College is able to continue to achieve, maintain and enhance its programs and services. (Standards 9A.2, 9C.1, 9C.2, and 9C.4)

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Bakersfield College should submit the Midterm Report by November 1,2003. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The college also includes a summary of progress on college-identified concerns as expressed in the self study. Information about the Midterm Report is found in the 1997 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Reports to the Commission.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college self study.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Walter Packard, Chancellor  
Dr. Charles R. Carlson, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Board President  
Dr. Martha Romero, Team Chair  
Dr. Steve Fasteau, Evaluation Team Member