

November 15, 2018

Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.  
President  
Black Hills State University  
1200 University Street  
Spearfish, SD 57799-9004

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on October 22, 2018, and I am pleased to inform you that the following accreditation status has been granted:

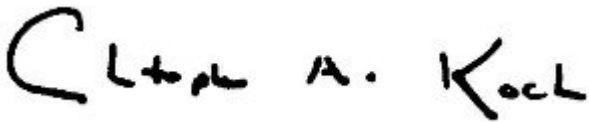
The School of Education at Black Hills State University is granted **Accreditation** at the initial-licensure level as described in the Accreditation Action Report.

Included with this letter are two subsequent documents:

- 1) The Accreditation Action Report provides details of the accreditation status.
- 2) Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation provides further information on the Council's decision process and provider responsibilities during the accreditation term.

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. I appreciate your commitment to excellence in educator preparation accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher A. Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report, Certificate of Accreditation (sent to provider leadership), and Information on CAEP Accreditation

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