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June 30, 2009

Mr. Jerry Patton  
Superintendent/President  
College of the Desert  
43-500 Monterey Avenue  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear President Patton:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2009, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College. The Commission took action to accept the report.

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the College library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of College of the Desert will occur during **Spring 2011**.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Mr. Matthew Breindel, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Board President, Desert Community College District