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April 29, 2015

Mr. Leroy Thomas Houts  
Principal  
Downey High School  
11040 Brookshire Avenue  
Downey, CA 90241

Dear Mr. Houts:

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges announces the action taken at the Spring 2015 Commission Meeting. The Commissioners of the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges determined Downey High School meets the ACS WASC criteria for accreditation. This accreditation status is based on all of the information provided by the school, including the self-study report, and the satisfactory completion of the on-site accreditation visit.

It is the decision of the Commission to grant Six-Year Accreditation Status through June 30, 2021.

Downey High School is required to submit a Mid-cycle Progress Report at the end of the third year of the current six-year accreditation cycle. The progress report should demonstrate that the school has:

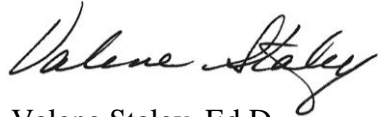
- Addressed the critical areas for follow-up through the schoolwide action plan
- Made appropriate progress on the implementation of the schoolwide action plan
- Improved student achievement relative to the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.

Accreditation status is conditioned upon Downey High School's continued compliance with the ACS WASC policies, procedures, and criteria for accreditation. This includes a requirement that an accredited school annually contribute members from the school staff or district to participate on visiting committees. Failure to maintain compliance with said policies, procedures, and standards is grounds for modification and/or withdrawal of the accreditation.

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The Commission looks forward to Downey High School's anticipated success and continuing improvement in keeping with ACS WASC's pursuit of excellence in elementary, secondary, and adult education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valene Staley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "V".

Valene Staley, Ed.D.  
Commission Chairperson

cc: Visiting Committee Chairperson  
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