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TO: Heads of EARCOS Schools, Particularly Those Scheduled
for Self-Studies in 2015-2016, 2016-2017 or 2017-2018

FROM: Marilyn George, Ed.D.
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RE: Pre-EARCOS ACS WASC Session on Tuesday, October 27
Preparation for Forthcoming Self-Studies and Sunday, November 1 Session on
Certification for Serving on Visiting Committees

ACS WASC will be conducting a one day pre-EARCOS session on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the EARCOS Administrators' Conference at the Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. This session will be interactive as we examine the essentials of the *Focus on Learning* self-study and the many ways it can be adapted to a school's situation. From 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. there will be a panel of EARCOS educators who will share how they adapted the *Focus on Learning* process for their respective schools, including its integration with strategic planning.

In addition, I look forward to meeting with you individually throughout the conference to address specific questions and clarifications regarding accreditation and upcoming visits. There will be a sign-up sheet at the EARCOS registration desk with the designated location.

Other ACS WASC sessions during the EARCOS Conference include the visiting committee chair training on Wednesday, October 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and visiting committee member training on Sunday, November 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ACS WASC is also doing a short session on key factors for becoming accredited during the EARCOS Conference.

Please note that we will also be conducting a full day session on *Focus on Learning* at the spring ETC Conference. This session will examine the *Focus on Learning* process and its adaptability from a self-study perspective and also prepare participants to serve on visiting committees.

We look forward to working with you. Please contact me if you have questions.