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All of us at ACS WASC hope that you are well in these challenging and difficult times during this worldwide coronavirus pandemic. We are empathetic for all of those who have been affected and are suffering. The coronavirus pandemic has forced the closure of many U.S. schools that serve nearly 30 million students, as well as many schools globally. WASC is flexible in handling requested postponements and approving accreditation and granting status extensions. As of today, we have postponed over 500 accreditation visits this spring to accommodate the needs of our member schools.

Please contact us if your school still has a spring visit scheduled and would like to request a postponement by sending an email to [mail@acswasc.org](mailto:mail@acswasc.org). And please keep us updated when, and if, the circumstances change at your school. We will soon be contacting schools who have postponed their spring visits to set up rescheduled fall visits.

For the safety of our own employees working in the Burlingame, California, office, we have begun working remotely. Ten staff members have been working remotely since the start of the school year, so the transition for us should be smooth.

These are uncertain times and this is an evolving situation. We plan to continue to be flexible and will adapt as needed in the coming days. If you have any questions about your school's accreditation status, upcoming visit, or need additional information on how to request an extension, please contact the WASC office at (650) 696-1060 or [mail@acswasc.org](mailto:mail@acswasc.org).

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Keep healthy and stay safe.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry R. Groves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" at the end.

Barry R. Groves, President  
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