Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges

AN UPDATE FROM BARRY GROVES, PRESIDENT

Dear WASC Member California Public Schools:

I hope that this update finds you well. As we all deal with the fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic, WASC is making adjustments to meet the needs of its 5,200 member schools. WASC staff are working remotely from our homes in our quest to be FLEXIBLE and support most requests for accreditation visit POSTPONEMENTS. In addition, in July 2020 we will roll out our new and improved online accreditation information management system (AIMS) that will make the WASC accreditation process more intuitive and easy to use.

Listed below are changes that we will be implementing over the next 18 months.

POSTPONE SPRING 2020 VISITS to FALL/WINTER 2020

Official postponement notification has been sent to all schools and visiting committees (VCs) with accreditation visits scheduled March 16 through June 1, 2020 (550 schools), visits have been moved to the Fall/Winter of 2020. Postponed probationary visits must take place in Fall 2020. Most mid-cycle and progress visits will be conducted virtually in Fall/Winter 2020.

POSTPONE FALL/WINTER 2020 VISITS to SPRING 2021

Official postponement notification has been sent to schools and VC chairs scheduled for Fall/Winter 2020 (135 self-study visits), visits are being rescheduled to Spring 2021. Most mid-cycle/progress visits will be conducted virtually.

POSTPONE MOST SPRING 2021 to FALL/WINTER 2021

Official postponement notification to schools scheduled for self-study visits in Spring 2021 will be sent and visits will be rescheduled to Fall/Winter 2021 (440 self-study visits). Schools will be given the option to stay on the Spring 2021 schedule.

Please check the <u>ACS WASC website</u> for updates: <u>COVID-19 UPDATE</u>. If you have questions or concerns, please call our Burlingame office at (650) 696-1060.

Warmly,

Barry Groves ACS WASC President

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