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CORRECTED LETTER

Dr. Jose Ortiz
Chancellor
Peralta Community College District
333 E. Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94606

Dear Chancellor Ortiz:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, reviewed the Special Report submitted by the Peralta Community College District.

The Commission notes that Peralta Community College District has resolved most of the 53 audit findings and is well on the way to resolving the remaining few. The District has also developed and implemented a plan to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to have fully resolved all deficiencies within two years of when they were first identified to the College, and to have addressed all recommendations. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation teams will examine evidence to confirm that the College/District's described changes and steps taken to achieve full compliance with Standards have been sustained.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of the Colleges of the Peralta Community College District will occur in **spring 2015**.

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 educational quality.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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