In response to action taken by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in July 2014 to issue Warning, Cerritos College is moving quickly to address recommendations for the Follow-Up Report due in March 2015. The college remains fully accredited. Warning is the first level of corrective action and the least severe of the ACCJC’s four sanctions, and is issued when an institution has not met or partially met standards. The Warning will not impact students earning credits toward degrees, certificates and transfers, and financial aid is still available for eligible students.

According to the ACCJC’s notice, the college must resolve deficiencies related to degree and certificate student learning outcomes, leadership and governance, and board development. We have made strides to address these recommendations. To ensure student success, faculty have successfully developed student learning outcomes for all degrees and certificates offered. To address governance recommendations, the Board of Trustees established an advisory committee and participated in a special training session led by Dr. Marie Smith, a former commissioner for the ACCJC. The advisory committee also developed a proposed plan of corrective actions that was accepted by the Board of Trustees on October 15.

We are aggressively working to address the Commission’s recommendations and we fully expect to resolve the deficiencies cited in the ACCJC’s notice by the March 2015 deadline.

For more information and updates about the college’s accreditation please visit http://www.cerritos.edu/accreditation.

Sincerely,
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President/Superintendent