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### **COS Receives Notice of Continued Affirmation of Accreditation**

Weed / COS – At its meeting held January 10-12, 2018, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), reviewed the Follow-Up Report and related evidentiary materials submitted by College of the Siskiyous (COS). The Commission also considered the External Evaluation Team Follow-Up Report. The purpose of the review was to determine whether the College had appropriately corrected the issues expressed in the Commission’s Action Letter of July 8, 2016. On January 26, 2018, the Commission acted to **Remove Warning and Reaffirm Accreditation until spring 2023.**

Accreditation is vital for a number of reasons, most notably the ability for students to transfer unit credits to other institutions and for the college to receive public funding. “Accreditation serves two important purposes. It promotes continuous quality improvement of a college’s educational programs and services, and it provides quality assurance to the institution’s stakeholders, including students and the communities served by the college,” said Dr. Todd Scott, Vice President of Instruction and the Accreditation Liaison Officer.

“While the action to Remove Warning and Reaffirm Accreditation doesn’t come as a surprise, it does reaffirm what we hoped would occur and clears the decks to prepare ourselves for the next report due in spring of 2020,” commented Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, Superintendent / President. “It is now time for us at College of the Siskiyous to maintain our momentum and continue to strive for excellence – not for compliance – but rather for mission fulfillment,” continued Schoonmaker. “This is great news for the College and District.”

More information about COS accreditation may be found on the COS homepage in two areas, on the pull down menu *About COS*, and in the footer located at the bottom of the homepage, or visit [www.siskiyous.edu/accreditation/](http://www.siskiyous.edu/accreditation/).