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MEAC MEMBER SCHOOLS LETTER #17: MEAC Thank You for Annual Reports and Requirements for Audits

Dear MEAC Member Schools:

On behalf of the MEAC Board of Directors, MEAC would like to thank each of our Member Schools for submitting your annual reports timely last month. MEAC appreciates all the work that goes into your institution or program meeting accreditation deadlines.

For those of you with institutional accreditation, MEAC required you to submit audits and/or financial reviews completed between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 with your annual report materials. In order to ensure consistency in our reviews of financial indicators, MEAC is amending its reporting requirement as follows: As part of annual reports for the 2015 cycle, MEAC will review institutional audits or external financial reviews, and current ratios, based on the end of the institutional *fiscal* year that ended during calendar year 2015.

If you have programmatic accreditation, this change does not affect you.

If you have institutional accreditation and your annual report submission included a copy of the audit or external financial review for your fiscal year that ended in 2015, this change does not affect you.

If you have institutional accreditation and the audit or external financial review you submitted with your annual report was for a fiscal year that did not end in 2015, MEAC will require additional information as described below.

If your institution is affected by this change, please email your accreditation coordinator (Julia Reid or Karin Borgerson) by **May 2, 2016** with the following information:

- a) A copy of your audit or external financial review for your fiscal year ending in 2016, OR

- b) If such audit or external financial review is not yet available, the date when you expect to provide it. **This date should not be later than June 30, 2016.**

This current audit or financial review will then be incorporated into your 2015 Annual Report review.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at (360) 466-2080, ext. 1, or tracy@meacschools.org.

Best,

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