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Dr. Cindy Martinez Dean, School of Education
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Dear Dean Martinez:

The New Mexico Public Education Department is extending Western New Mexico University's comprehensive state accreditation through the fall of 2029. This extension is granted as we transition to national accreditation and revise our state accreditation process.

The following licensure and endorsement programs continue to be approved for Western New Mexico University (WNMU):

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| <p><u>Traditional Programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational Administration: PreK-12 (GA) <p>-----</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Education: Birth-PreK (UG)• Early Childhood Education: PreK-Grade 3 (UG)• Elementary Education: K-8 (UG)• Secondary Education: 7-12 (UG)• Special Education: PreK-12 (UG)• Specialty Area: PreK-12 (UG) | <p><u>Traditional Program Secondary (7-12)</u> <u>Endorsements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business• Health• History (Social Studies)• Language Arts• Mathematics• Modern, Classical, and Native Languages• Physical Education• Psychology• Science |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary Vocational: 7-12 (UG) <p><u>Alternative Programs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early Childhood Education: PreK-Grade 3 (GC)• Elementary Education: K-8 (GC)• Secondary Education: 7-12 (GC)• Special Education: PreK-12 (GC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology Education <p><u>Traditional Program Specialty Area (PreK -12)</u></p> <p><u>Endorsements:</u> Physical Education</p> <p><u>Other Endorsements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bilingual Education• Gifted Education• Reading• TESOL |
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This Comprehensive State Accreditation extension ensures the continuity of your programs during this transitional period.

Please extend my appreciation to your administrators, faculty, and your staff for your continued dedication to maintaining high standards for your educator preparation programs. I wish you and your staff at Western New Mexico University every success.

Sincerely,

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