



February 9, 2026

Dr. Nick Swayne  
President  
North Idaho College  
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Dear President Swayne:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Mid-Cycle Review of North Idaho College.

### Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation: Remove the Sanction of Probation, Accept the Report

### Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2022 Special Report - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2022 Special Report - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 7: Spring 2023 Special Report – Fulfilled
- Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Special Report - Fulfilled

### Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that North Idaho College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Establish meaningful indicators (metrics) to align with and measure institutional goals and objectives in its evaluation, planning, and resource allocation processes to support institutional effectiveness and student achievement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Engage in an effective system of learning outcomes assessment processes across all academic and learning support programs and use the results of those assessments to evaluate the quality of learning and to inform academic and learning-support planning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5; 1.C.7)

### Future Evaluations

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2026
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2024 Special Report
  - Recommendation 3: Fall 2024 Special Report

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we commend North Idaho College for its meaningful progress and continued engagement in this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Ed Harri, at [eharri@nwccu.org](mailto:eharri@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,

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President

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