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Dr. Amy Schweinle
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Dear Dr. Schweinle:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met in April 2026, and I am pleased to inform you that the following accreditation status has been granted:

The educator preparation provider at University of South Dakota is granted Accreditation at the initial-licensure level and the advanced level as described in the Accreditation Action Report.

Included with this letter are two subsequent documents:

- 1) The Accreditation Action Report provides details of the accreditation status.
- 2) Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation provides further information on the Council's decision process and provider responsibilities during the accreditation term.

Congratulations on your accreditation achievement. I appreciate your commitment to excellence in educator preparation accreditation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christopher A. Koch'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D. President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report, Certificate of Accreditation (emailed to provider leadership), and Information for EPPs Granted Accreditation

cc:

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