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Dr. Laurie Nichols  
President  
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Dear Dr. Nichols:

The Accreditation Council of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) met on August 16, 2021, and I am pleased to inform you that the following accreditation status has been granted:

The School of Education at Black Hills State University is granted **Accreditation** at the advanced-level as described in the Accreditation Action Report.

Included with this letter is the Accreditation Action Report that provides details of the accreditation status.

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 style with some capital letters.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
President

Enclosures: Accreditation Action Report

cc: Dr. Betsy Silva, School of Education  
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