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May 1, 2017

Mr. Dean Cevallos  
Principal  
Kea'au High School  
16-725 Kae'au-Pahoa Road  
Kea'au, HI 96749

Dear Mr. Cevallos:

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) announces the action taken at the Spring 2017 Commission Meeting. The ACS WASC Commissioners have determined Kea'au High School (9 - 12) meets the ACS WASC criteria for accreditation. This accreditation status is based on all of the information provided by the school, including the self-study report, and the satisfactory completion of the on-site accreditation visit.

It is the decision of the Commission to grant Six-Year Accreditation Status with a Mid-cycle One-day Visit through June 30, 2023.

Kea'au High School is required to prepare a Mid-cycle Progress Report for the Mid-cycle Visit. The report and visit should demonstrate that the school has:

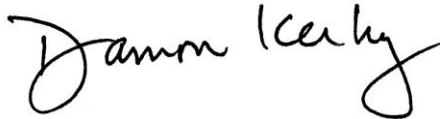
- Addressed the critical areas for follow-up through the schoolwide action plan;
- Made appropriate progress on the implementation of the schoolwide action plan; and
- Improved student achievement relative to the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.

Accreditation status is conditioned upon Kea'au High School's continued adherence with the ACS WASC policies, procedures, and criteria for accreditation. This includes a requirement that an accredited school annually contribute members from the school staff or district to participate on visiting committees. Failure to maintain compliance with said policies, procedures, and standards is grounds for modification and/or withdrawal of the accreditation.

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The Commission looks forward to Kea'au High School's anticipated success and continuing improvement in keeping with ACS WASC's pursuit of excellence in elementary, secondary, and adult education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Damon Kerby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Damon Kerby  
Commission Chairperson

cc: Ms. Kathryn Matayoshi, Superintendent, Hawaii State DOE  
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