



COUNCIL ON OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

“Assuring Quality and Integrity in Career and Technical Education”

VIA: EMAIL & REGULAR MAIL

June 13, 2024

Dr. Lia Tinkelman Festenstein
Chief Administrative Officer
Office of Adult and Career Education Services - Rochester City School District (#350200)
30 Hart Street, Room 218
Rochester, NY 14605

Dear Dr. Lia Tinkelman Festenstein:

The Commission of the Council on Occupational Education met on June 5-6, 2024, to take action on accreditation matters. At this meeting, the Commission reviewed your Self-Study Report, Team Report, Institutional Response Report, and other supporting documents for reaffirmation of accreditation.

We are pleased to inform you that the formal action of the Commission was to **CONTINUE** the accreditation of Office of Adult and Career Education Services - Rochester City School District, 30 Hart Street, Room 218, Rochester, NY 14605.

The Commission scheduled reaffirmation to occur six years from your institution's last scheduled reaffirmation and approved your institution to host a visiting team in 2029 (*Handbook of Accreditation: 2024 Edition*, Section III, B., 3. Reaffirmation of Accreditation, page 12).

Reaffirmation denotes that an institution has maintained quality programs, again undergone an extensive self-study and team review process, and has continued to meet the Commission's Standards and Conditions for Accreditation. Accreditation is granted annually with subsequent reaffirmation scheduled for two to six years. Each institution must substantiate its accreditation each year through an annual report which reflects the current status of the institution.

The Commission's review of your institution's compliance with the standards and criteria included a review of your institution's performance with respect to student achievement. A separate report regarding the assessment of this achievement is included with this Commission action letter. It provides you with basic information about student achievement and suggestions for improvement of programs that may fail to meet student achievement benchmarks. Please keep this assessment report as part of your institution's accreditation file.

The members of the Council on Occupational Education extend to you, your faculty, and your staff its congratulations on having maintained the status of a COE-accredited occupational education institution.

The effective date of this decision is **June 6, 2024**.

The 2024 COE Annual Meeting will be held November 12-14, 2024, at The Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. Attendance at this meeting is very important for the vitality of the Council and advancement of the mission of COE – “Assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education.” I would strongly encourage representatives of your institution to attend. The meeting program, online registration information, and hotel information will be available on the Council’s website (www.council.org) in August.

Please be assured that the Commission stands ready to assist you and your institution in your efforts to improve occupational education. Do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of service.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO
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