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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: January 28, 2016

SUBJECT: Amendment to District and Site Accreditation Recommendations for the 2015-2016 School Year

Pursuant to OAC 210:35-3-201, an amendment to the Accreditation Status Recommendations approved July 23, 2015 by the State Board of Education will be presented, along with details associated with the change requested for discussion and possible action. Approval of the amendment is recommended.

A teacher at Luther Schools was reported on the support personnel report and not the certified personnel report, which was not correct. Further, the course that the particular teacher was in the classroom for was not listed on the Accreditation report, such that the Regional Accreditation Officer could not have caught the error at that time. However, a patron contacted us to inquire about the course and the teacher, and the district's error was then discovered.

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Attachment

**INFORMATION REGARDING A REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO THE ACCREDITATION
STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 23, 2015**

Luther Public Schools formal Accreditation audit was performed in the spring of 2015. A wide range of compliance areas were reviewed. The Regional Accreditation Officer approved the audit with no deficiencies. The audit review status recommendation was submitted to the State Department of Education and the status was approved by the State Board of Education in July, 2015.

In the fall of 2015, a complaint was received by the Accreditation division about an existing Metal Works class on Luther's earlier Accreditation report. The class had not been included in the fall of 2014. The instructor had been incorrectly reported as a support employee on the spring 2015 Personnel Report. Had the teacher been correctly reported on the Certified Personnel Report, Luther would have received (appropriately) a recommendation for a deficiency.

We request a deficiency be assigned to Luther schools for assigning a teacher without proper credentials (current certificate) to teach a class in their district.