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Dear Colleagues,

At its June 2026 meeting, the Commission reviewed its Standards, practices, and policies in light of the current performance and overall health of the ACCJC membership. This review included discussion of the significant improvements we are seeing across ACCJC institutions, including stronger aggregate indicators of financial health, enrollment, graduation, retention, course completion, and transfer.

The Commission also reviewed ACCJC's strengthened Annual Report monitoring practices. As you may know, ACCJC has enhanced this process to include a peer review committee that annually monitors outcomes for all ACCJC institutions. Modeled in important ways after ACCJC's Fiscal Review process, this strengthened annual monitoring has increased ACCJC's capacity to identify trends, understand institutional progress, support continuous improvement, and recognize the excellent work taking place across our member institutions.

With these outcomes and monitoring practices in mind, the Commission voted to cautiously and thoughtfully explore the possibility of moving from an eight-year comprehensive review cycle to a ten-year comprehensive review cycle. ACCJC member CEOs/Presidents/Superintendents were polled for their feedback in June, and over 95% expressed support for the change. As a result, we continue to process of engaging feedback from a wide stakeholder group and invite your comments.

Under either an eight- or ten-year cycle, ACCJC's annual fiscal and annual report monitoring processes would continue. In a ten-year cycle, the Midterm Report would be strengthened to support engagement with the ACCJC staff, including a campus visit by an ACCJC Vice President.

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The Commission welcomes your perspective on whether moving to a ten-year comprehensive review cycle would appropriately recognize the strength of ACCJC’s current monitoring systems, reduce unnecessary burden, and continue to support quality assurance, institutional improvement, and public trust.

Please take a moment to complete this brief survey by close of business on July 30, 2026:

[ACCJC Review Cycle Survey](#)

Thank you for your thought partnership on this issue and on any future decision that may affect our members. ACCJC remains committed to ensuring that its policies and practices are rigorous, responsive, and appropriately aligned with the strength and needs of those who serve our students and the public.

Warmly,
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