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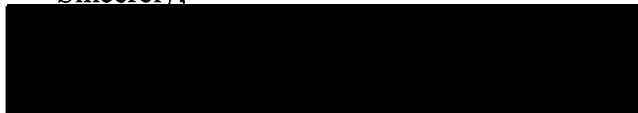
Re: Reconsideration Request of Denial of Recertification

Dear Dr. Toufanian:

On January 31, 2023 the U.S. Department of Education (“Department”) advised Prospect College (“Prospect”) that its application for recertification to participate as an eligible institution in the student financial assistance programs authorized pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. § 1070 *et seq.* (“Title IV, HEA programs”) had been denied. Prospect subsequently requested that this decision be reconsidered (“Reconsideration Request”).

The Department initiated its review of the materials provided with the Reconsideration Request. However, on June 13, 2023 Prospect notified the Department that all of its students had completed their programs and that its last date of instruction was on May 31, 2023. The Department considers a school closed on the date that it ceases to provide educational instruction for a reason other than a normal vacation period or a nature disaster. See 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.26(a)(1), 685.214 (a)(2). Since Prospect ceased offering instruction on May 31, 2023, its eligibility in the Title IV, HEA programs ended and a request for reconsideration of the recertification denial is moot. Consequently, the Department will take no further action on the request.

Sincerely,



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