



August 18, 2026

Dr. Elizabeth R. Cantwell
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Dear President Cantwell:

We are writing to inform you of forthcoming changes to the Peer Evaluation Visit and Reporting calendar that will impact Washington State University.

During its July 2026 Commission Meeting, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) established a new 8-year accreditation cycle to replace the current 7-year cycle. As part of this change, NWCCU staff assessed the readiness of institutions to undergo their evaluation visit later than planned in their current review cycle. As part of that assessment, Washington State University was identified as an institution that could be moved from its currently scheduled Spring 2027 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE) accreditation date to a Spring 2028 EIE accreditation date without negatively impacting WSU's accreditation cycle. As you know, WSU was given the option of moving its EIE visit from Spring 2027 to Spring 2028 and elected to do so. We appreciate WSU's willingness to be flexible in this process. Therefore, the dates in this letter for your visit cycle supersede any previously communicated dates.

The dates of the revised evaluation schedule for WSU will be as follows:

- Year 8 – Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2028
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
 - Finding Type 1: Spring 2026 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review
 - Finding Type 2: Spring 2026 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review

The evaluation will be conducted using the 2027 NWCCU Standards. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns about this revised schedule.

Sincerely,

Chris Bragg
Senior Vice President, NWCCU

cc: Dr. William Davis, Vice Provost, WSU
Dr. Selena Grace, President, NWCCU
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