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RE: **Expedited Final Program Review Determination Letter**
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Dear Dr. Baker:

From 09/08/2014 through 09/12/2014, Herschel D. Wallace III and Derita Hall conducted a review of Northern Illinois University's (Northern) administration of the 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). The purpose of this Final Program Review Determination Letter is to close the program review.

The focus of the review was to determine Northern's compliance with the statutes and federal regulations as they pertain to the institution's administration of Title IV programs. The review consisted of, but was not limited to, an examination of Northern's policies and procedures regarding institutional and student eligibility, individual student financial aid and academic files, attendance records, student account ledgers, and fiscal records.

A sample of 32 files was identified for review. The files were selected randomly from a statistical sample of the total population receiving Title IV, HEA program funds for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 award years. Attachment A lists the names and social security numbers of the students whose files were examined during the review.

Although the review was thorough, it cannot be assumed to be all-inclusive. The absence of statements in the report concerning the institution's specific practices and procedures must not be construed as acceptance, approval, or endorsement of those specific practices and procedures. Furthermore, it does not relieve Northern of its obligation to comply with all of the statutory or regulatory provisions governing the Title IV, HEA programs.

The Chicago/Denver School Participation Division has made a Final Program Review Determination concerning the outcome of the program review. As there were no findings identified, this program review is considered closed and no further actions required.

Program records relating to the period covered by this program review must be retained until the later of: the resolution of the loan(s), claim(s) or expenditure(s) questioned in the program

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review [34 CFR §668.24(e)(3)(i)] or the end of the retention period applicable to the record [34 CFR §668.24(e)(1) and (e)(2)].

We would like to express our appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the review. If you have any questions concerning this report, please call Herschel D. Wallace III at (312) 730-1537.

Sincerely,

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