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Call for Comment

Black Hills State University's (BHSU) School of Education is hosting a national accreditation visit by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), April 15-17, 2018. Interested parties are invited to submit third-party comments to the site team. Please note, CAEP expectations are that comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered, and should specify the party's relationship to the provider (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). The University will have the opportunity to comment on all correspondence received by CAEP. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

We invite you to submit written testimony by April 6, 2018, to:

CAEP 1140 19th Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 or by email to: callforcomments@caepnet.org

CAEP requires that comments are based on the core tenets of CAEP accreditation standards of excellence, which recognize that:

• In CAEP's performance-based system, accreditation is based on evidence that demonstrates that teacher candidates know the subject matter and can teach it effectively so that students learn. In the CAEP system, Education Preparation Providers must prove that candidates can connect theory to practice and be effective in an actual P-12 classroom.

• A professional education provider that is accredited by CAEP is expected to be involved in ongoing planning and evaluation; be engaged in continuous assessment and development; ensure that faculty and programs reflect new knowledge, practice, and technologies; and be involved in continuous development in response to the evolving world of education and educational reform.