

February 27, 2026

Mr. Jeff Trang
CEO
National Test Pilot School
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Dear CEO Trang:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning National Test Pilot School (NTPS) by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) at its meeting February 13, 2026. This action was taken after consideration of the report of the review team that conducted the Accreditation Visit to National Test Pilot School October 7-10, 2025 using the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. The Commission also reviewed the institutional report and exhibits submitted by National Test Pilot School prior to the Offsite Review (OSR), the supplemental materials requested by the team after the OSR, and the institution's December 12, 2025 response to the team report. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to discuss the visit with you. Your comments were very helpful in informing the Commission's deliberations. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with WSCUC.

Actions

1. Receive the Accreditation Visit team report
2. Reaffirm accreditation for a period of eight years
3. Schedule the next reaffirmation review with the Offsite Review in spring 2033 and the Accreditation Visit in fall 2033
4. Schedule a Progress Report to be submitted by November 1, 2027 to address:
 - a. the maturation of the institutional research function in its use of data to improve student outcomes.
 - b. evolution of efforts to establish complementary revenue streams to support the strategic plan.

Commendations

The Commission commends the institution for:

1. Displaying remarkable transparency and embracing the WSCUC review process, expressing and demonstrating the value it found in support of institutional improvement.

2. The progress that has been made to expand and diversify the professional expertise of the board of trustees.
3. An exemplary quantity and quality of documentation of policies and procedures that reflect best practices and guide stakeholder and student performance.
4. A cohesive and experienced faculty body, marked by deep dedication and reflecting the core values of collegiality and student centrality.
5. Institutional leadership, which is accessible, responsive, and committed to enhancing the existing positive culture committed to student success

Areas for Development

The Commission requires the institution to respond to the following areas for development:

1. Develop, codify, and document the practice of using data through the maturation of the Institutional Research function to support the decision-making process across the institution, but especially in support of student outcomes. (CFRs 3.10, 4.4)
2. Examine the strategic implications of the current CFO staffing model and consider the feasibility of having dedicated resources for this function. (CFR 3.9, 3.11)
3. Continue to prioritize financial improvements that will support the fulfillment of the Strategic Plan. (CFR 3.5)
4. Consider expanding the board of trustees to recruit more members with expertise in higher education (CFR 3.8)

In taking this action to reaffirm accreditation, the Commission confirmed that National Test Pilot School successfully completed the two-stage institutional review process conducted under the 2023 Standards of Accreditation. In keeping with WSCUC values, National Test Pilot School should strive for ongoing improvement with adherence to all Standards of Accreditation and their associated CFRs to foster a learning environment that continuously strives for educational excellence and operational effectiveness.

In accordance with Commission policy, a copy of this letter is being sent to the chair of National Test Pilot School's governing board. The Commission expects that the team report and this action letter will be posted in a readily accessible location on the NTPS website and widely distributed throughout the institution to promote further engagement and improvement and to support the institution's response to the specific issues identified in these documents. The team report and the Commission's action letter will also be posted on the WSCUC website. If the institution wishes to respond to the Commission action on its own website, WSCUC will post a link to that response on the WSCUC website.

Finally, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the extensive work that National Test Pilot School undertook in preparing for and supporting this accreditation review. WSCUC is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions

while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter or the action of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Toyoda', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

A. Maria Toyoda
President

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Cc: Tracy Poon Tambascia, Commission Chair
Luca Campello, ALO
Pat Garman, Board Chair
Members of the Accreditation Visit Team
Christopher Oberg, Executive Vice President