



February 25, 2026

Cory Sangrey-Billy  
President  
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Dear President Sangrey-Billy:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Stone Child College.

### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Stone Child College for:

1. Creating an environment encouraging collaboration and shared decision-making through formal and informal processes.
2. Extraordinary dedication to preserving, upholding, and advancing Chippewa Cree values and lifeways through requiring all campus community members to participate in comprehensive immersive language, culture, and history education and regular community gatherings and events, such as the Monday Drum.
3. Successfully implementing its community-wide co-advising model. purposefully structuring support programs that facilitate students' transition to college life and foster engagement with the college community. holistic student support, including their emergency aid program, Pawbucks program, and family-friendly environment.
4. Dedication to maintaining beautiful and intentional campus facilities showcasing community and student artwork.
5. Being a beacon of hope and opportunity by creating a college-going culture among high school students through a Summer Bridge program, hiring graduates of the college, and raising up students who transition to work and service throughout the community.

### **Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement**

The Commission recommends that Stone Child College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop and implement an ongoing assessment schedule for each program's student learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Use the results of program-level student learning outcome assessments to inform curricular changes specific to each program. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report with Virtual Visit Fall 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2028
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2031
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2032

NWCCU 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. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Teresa Rivenes, at [trivenes@nwccu.org](mailto:trivenes@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Ms. Amanda Belcourt, Assessment Project Director  
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Mr. Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System