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Dear Colleague:

This letter is a Year 2000 disclosure notice* on the 1998 - 1999 Quality Assurance Program (QAP).

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) and National Computer Systems, the software development contractor for QAP, are pleased to inform you that the January 1999 release of QAP, which ED issues to institutions participating in Institutional Quality Assurance Program, is Year 2000 ready. Additional information on ED's Year 2000 activities can be found on its web page at www.ed.gov.

QAP's Year 2000 readiness was obtained through assessment, renovation, and testing. Although QAP will function properly on January 1, 2000 and beyond, it is a 1998 - 1999 product that contains edits to prohibit the entry of dates after December 31, 1999.

Institutions use the QAP to calculate data readings on which quality improvements may be based for the subsequent award cycles.

Sincerely,

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