

## David Onder

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**From:** Bilodeau, Dawn <Dawn.Bilodeau@ed.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 2, 2025 11:59 AM  
**To:** David Onder  
**Subject:** RE: Pursuing accreditation with new accreditor

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Hi, David. After you submit the e-App request with associated documentation, it will be a routine matter. It depends on staffing. Regardless of how long it takes in the system to show, the new accreditor will be your accreditor of record based on the determination letter and their letter of recognition. Hope this helps, Dawn

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Thank you for this information. One more question - approximately how long should we plan for this step to take?

*David*

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Good Morning, David. Yes, you are correct. You may voluntarily withdraw from SACSCOC as soon as you have attained HLC accreditation. Merely submit an updated E-App within Partner Connect to add HLC and end your affiliation with SACSCOC and upload the reasonable cause determination letter, the voluntary withdrawal acceptance letter, and the new accreditor affirmation letter. Hope this helps, Dawn

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**From:** David Onder <[donder@haywood.edu](mailto:donder@haywood.edu)>  
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As we continue our pursuit of accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), I have a question regarding the timing of our transition. Our current accreditation with SACSCOC is valid through June 2029. If we were to complete the HLC accreditation process ahead of schedule—say, by December 2027—would we be permitted to formally withdraw from SACSCOC at that point and transition fully to HLC? Or is it necessary to maintain overlapping accreditations until the SACSCOC term concludes?

I appreciate your guidance on this matter.

Thank you,  
*David*

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