

**Case Name:** *In the Matter of* Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Docket No.:** 16-44-O

**Filing Party:** Respondent, Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

**Exhibit No.:** B-O-31

## Michelle Edwards

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**From:** Perliter Walters-Gilliam  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 3:25 PM  
**To:** Bryan Mitchell  
**Cc:** Michelle Edwards  
**Subject:** RE: Ridley-Lowell

Dear Mr. Mitchell

ACICS appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the state in the best interest of students most affected by the unfortunate and precipitous closure of Ridley Lowell. In light of the state statute which allows for the appropriate review of completion, ACICS does not have any conflict with the arrangement. Thank you for reaching out to us.

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**From:** Bryan Mitchell [<mailto:bmitchell@ctohe.org>]  
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Good afternoon Ms. Gilliam,

As you are aware, Ridley-Lowell closed abruptly earlier last month. Our office has been hard at work obtaining records and advising affected students of their options. One incentive we are provided by state statute is the ability to produce certificates/diplomas for those students that we can verify have completed the program. We have been contacted by several students whom, although they completed the required hours/coursework, weren't set to formally graduate until five days later.

Our office is able to document completion of their programs of study, however, we would like to confirm that this arrangement would not pose any conflicts on your end.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,

Bryan

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