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ATTN: Information Quality Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Season's greetings from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

I am writing to request your immediate assistance with a critically important issue regarding Wentworth and <u>the inclusion</u> of erroneous data on the most recent College Scorecard.

The Scorecard uses Wentworth's IPEDS student financial aid submittal for the 2015-16 school year, which was forwarded by the Institute in early February of 2017. However, due to a glitch on our end, that submittal significantly understated the average grant aid awarded to Title IV recipients, misreporting the amount as \$8,000 when it was actually \$14,000.

Using the accurate figure of \$14,000 on the College Scorecard would have correctly given Wentworth an average annual cost of \$36,000 rather than the inflated \$42,000 currently reported on the Scorecard.

This \$6,000 disparity is misleading to the public. We have gone through your formal process for changing the data but were told that the inaccuracy cannot be corrected until the fall of 2019. This seems like a flaw in the system. Waiting that long means that the inaccurate Wentworth information will be seen by the public and media for another nine months, and we will be left explaining the situation repeatedly.

I am respectfully appealing for your help with this in the interest of accuracy, on behalf of one of the country's leading STEM institutions.

Please let me know if there is anything further that you need from our end. In the meantime, the Institute is redoubling its efforts to ensure the full accuracy of all future submittals.

Sincerely,

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