

February 7, 2024

Scott Green President University of Idaho 875 Perimeter Drive Moscow, Idaho 83844

## Dear President Green:

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU or Commission) has considered the substantive change proposal for affiliation between The Regents of the University of Idaho (Uofl) and Four Three Education, Inc. (43EI), "an Idaho nonprofit whose sole member is the UI Board of Regents." (Quoted from the substantive change proposal, p. 1)

Note that the Commission was not asked to review, nor to take a position on, the acquisition of the University of Phoenix by Four Three Education, Inc.

The Commission has determined that the proposed affiliation between The Regents of the University of Idaho and Four Three Education, Inc. does not constitute a change in governance, legal status, form of control, or institutional mission for the University of Idaho. Because the University of Idaho and Four Three Education, Inc. are under common ownership/control, there are no apparent third-party financial implications associated with the proposed affiliation. Accordingly, the extent of the financial implications of this affiliation for the University of Idaho is unknown.

Therefore, the Commission has determined that, under its <u>Substantive Change Policy</u>, the proposed affiliation between The Regents of the University of Idaho and Four Three Education, Inc. as described in the institution's proposal does not constitute a substantive change.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy

President

cc: Gwen Gorzelsky, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives

Linda Clark, President, UI Board of Regents

Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education

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