



March 1, 2007

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Dear Steve:

I am writing to provide University of Detroit Mercy's response to the review panel's recommendations regarding our Chemistry specialty program as dated December 18, 2006.

Reviewers indicated that our program did not meet the following standard:

- Standard 6.0 *understand and promote the maintenance of a safe science classroom as identified by the Council of State Science Supervisors...*
Please note that reviewers identified this as Standard 7.0, but we believe they were referencing 6.0 given the content of their comments. We have addressed reviewers' concerns by more explicitly showing in our EDU 475 (Science Methods) syllabus where and how the issue of Science classroom safety is addressed and how the CSSS is the core source of information. We have included a revised EDU 475 in our submission, along with an updated Summary of Course Requirements and Standards Matrix, both of which more clearly demonstrate the requirement for EDU 475 for minors, as well as majors.

Our response for Chemistry, dated March 1, 2007, can be viewed at:
<http://www.udmercy.edu/accredreport/chemistry/index.htm>

We look forward to receiving comments from reviewers and the Michigan Department of Education regarding our Chemistry specialty program.

Sincerely,

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