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Dear Students,

You may have seen recent articles and an editorial regarding Brookdale's accreditation, so I write today to calm concerns that may have been raised by these articles.

Brookdale is accredited by the Middle State Commission on Higher Education.

This accreditation enables our students to transfer credits to top colleges in our country and to access financial aid if needed. Our accreditation and our students' eligibility for financial aid have not been changed in any way.

Every eight years, colleges go through a re-accreditation process. This past summer, during our regularly scheduled re-accreditation process, the Middle States Commission issued a warning to the College for not providing enough information about the effectiveness of improvements that had been made to the College since its last re-accreditation. A warning is issued when the Commission believes that a college needs to make some changes, but that the college has the ability to achieve re-accreditation within a short timeframe. In fact, we have already implemented important changes based on the Commission's input.

Rest assured, the entire college staff and I are fully committed to you, our students, and our goal of earning re-accreditation in the Spring. Our emphasis is on ensuring that Brookdale continues its mission as a gateway for thousands to obtain a degree, acquire training for career advancement, and provide lifelong learning opportunities.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

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