

Dr. Hull,

I don't know that there has ever be a greater need to institutionalize service learning than the present. This is a time in our nation's history calling for both relevance in the application of our public academic curriculum and for the broad engagement of our citizens in solving our country's greatest challenges...in my estimation, these are the hallmarks of the service learning methodology. Although I am not able to officially represent my agency, I hope you will (as you engage SACS in conversation) be able to share my personal observation that the interests of our nation and its citizens would be well served by a broad application of service learning methodology across all levels of education, both public and private. The research thus far clearly supports this proposition and the accrediting process is among the strongest forces to affect sustainable changes in our educational systems. I would strongly encourage SACS to consider the incorporation of service learning and civic engagement metrics into their assessment processes.

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