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## KEYSTONE COLLEGE RESPONDS TO MIDDLE STATES ADVERSE ACTION ON ACCREDITATION

**La Plume, Pa.** - On Tuesday, November 26, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) publicly posted their response to the College's show cause appearance before the MSCHE Commissioners last week at which the College presented its case for why MSCHE should not withdraw Keystone's accreditation. This response, entitled "Notification of Adverse Action," contains MSCHE's decision to withdraw accreditation from Keystone College effective December 31, 2024.

Keystone has until December 2<sup>nd</sup> to notify MSCHE of its intent to waive or exercise its right to appeal the decision. Under the provisions of the appeal process, Keystone will retain its accreditation status until the completion of the appeal. MSCHE has indicated that the preliminary timeframe for an appeal hearing is anticipated to be in March 2025.

"Of course, we strongly disagree and are extremely disappointed with the Commission's decision, and we intend to exercise our right to appeal this decision. We will be notifying MSCHE of our intention to appeal this week," President John F. Pullo, Sr., stated in a message to the campus community. Pullo continued, "We all knew that the process of rebuilding Keystone and changing our trajectory would not be easy. At the same time, I feel the adverse action taken by MSCHE significantly undervalues the progress the College has made over the past several months to strengthen our financial situation, rectify our weaknesses, and move forward. I pledge that we will pursue every possible opportunity as we prepare our appeal. During the appeal process, Keystone will retain its accreditation status and will continue to operate."

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