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From: Liz Quist <liz@alcottlearning.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 2:21 PM
To: Lisa McLachlan
Cc: Josh Black; Benjamin Rasmussen
Subject: Re: Denied Alcott Learning APPEL Application

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We would like to request an appeal to address the concerns. Thank you! Liz Quist

On Aug 4, 2026, at 2:18 PM, Lisa McLachlan <Lisa.McLachlan@schools.utah.gov> wrote:

Hi Liz and Josh,

This email is to notify you that USBE staff have reviewed the Alcott Learning APPEL Application you submitted and have denied your application for the following reasons:

1. Your entity does not meet the definition of Educator Preparation Program in R277-303. Board rule says a program is developed by or associated with an institution of higher education, individual LEA, a consortium of LEAs, or the Board. Your entity is not an LEA or appear to have an association with an LEA, an consortium of LEAs or the Board.
2. The program's application intends to place candidates in clinical experiences that include "non-traditional settings" and "multi-state clinical experience". Board rule limits clinical experience settings to "preK-12 classroom settings" (R277-303).

Attached you will find a summary of our review. Per Board Rule 277-303, you may appeal this decision to the Board by submitting a written appeal to the Board Secretary. If you wish to appeal this decision, please reply to this email and I will forward the reply to the appropriate staff. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Lisa McLachlan

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