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Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President  
Commission on Colleges  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

The city of Ellijay and Gilmer County in Georgia received a grant to remodel a vacated city library for Dalton State College to have a free standing facility for offering classes. The new facility opened in January, 2009.


Please accept this letter as formally notifying you of the opening of our new off-campus center in Ellijay. I realize I should have notified you earlier before opening the center, but events happened so quickly that we missed the opportunity of appropriately notifying the Commission on Colleges. I also am formally requesting to seek the Commission's approval to begin offering the first two years or Associate degrees in that location. The success of having a better location has been phenomenal and we want to take advantage of the opportunity to expand the college's offerings beyond its main campus. I recognize this will involve a Substantive Change and we shall begin the application process immediately.

Additionally, I am informing you that Dalton State is currently building an off-campus facility in Whitfield County at the Career Academy. The College will offer classes in this new facility beginning with the Fall, 2010 semester. We will offer classes that complement what is currently being offered at the Career Academy. This will be the beginning of a college career for high school students and recent graduates. No degree will be offered in this facility. All the same, we are notifying the Commission on Colleges at this time and to seek your formal approval to begin offering classes when the facility opens.

Finally, because of small student enrollments, Dalton State has closed its Catoosa Center in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia as of August 15, 2009. All classes have been moved to the main campus to better utilize resources. Over 94 percent of students there also took classes on the main campus.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



John O. Schwenn  
President