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NAME

Physics Department

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Dear NAME:

I am happy to inform you that with your score of XXX out of a possible 200, you have passed the Physics Department preliminary examination. Departmental rules concerning the preliminary exam state the following:

Students are required to score at least 40% on the preliminary examination to be eligible for a graduate degree. Students who wish to do Ph.D. work are expected to score at a higher level. Students who pass the exam but do poorly on one or more sections will be required to make up their deficiency in a manner specified by the department and their advisory committee.

Your score on the exam makes you eligible to work toward an M.S. degree. While admission to the Ph.D. program is not precluded by this score, you may wish to retake the exam next year to improve your chances for a successful petition for admission to Ph.D. In addition I recommend discussing your preliminary exam results with your advisor so that you can better focus your studies on any necessary subject areas.

Sincerely,

David Westpfahl

Chair, Physics Department