



WHEN DOES ADVERSE ACTION START?

No decision for adverse action is final until the appeal process is completed. This means the school will remain accredited until the appeal is finished and a final decision to uphold adverse action is made.

If adverse action is upheld, it will start with the notification of final decision.

WHAT IS ADVERSE ACTION?

Adverse action is the suspension, denial, withdrawal or similar action taken against a school's accreditation as a result of the school's failure to meet MEAC's Standards.

The school is given opportunities to make corrections and demonstrate that they have met the standards before MEAC decides to suspend or withdraw accreditation.

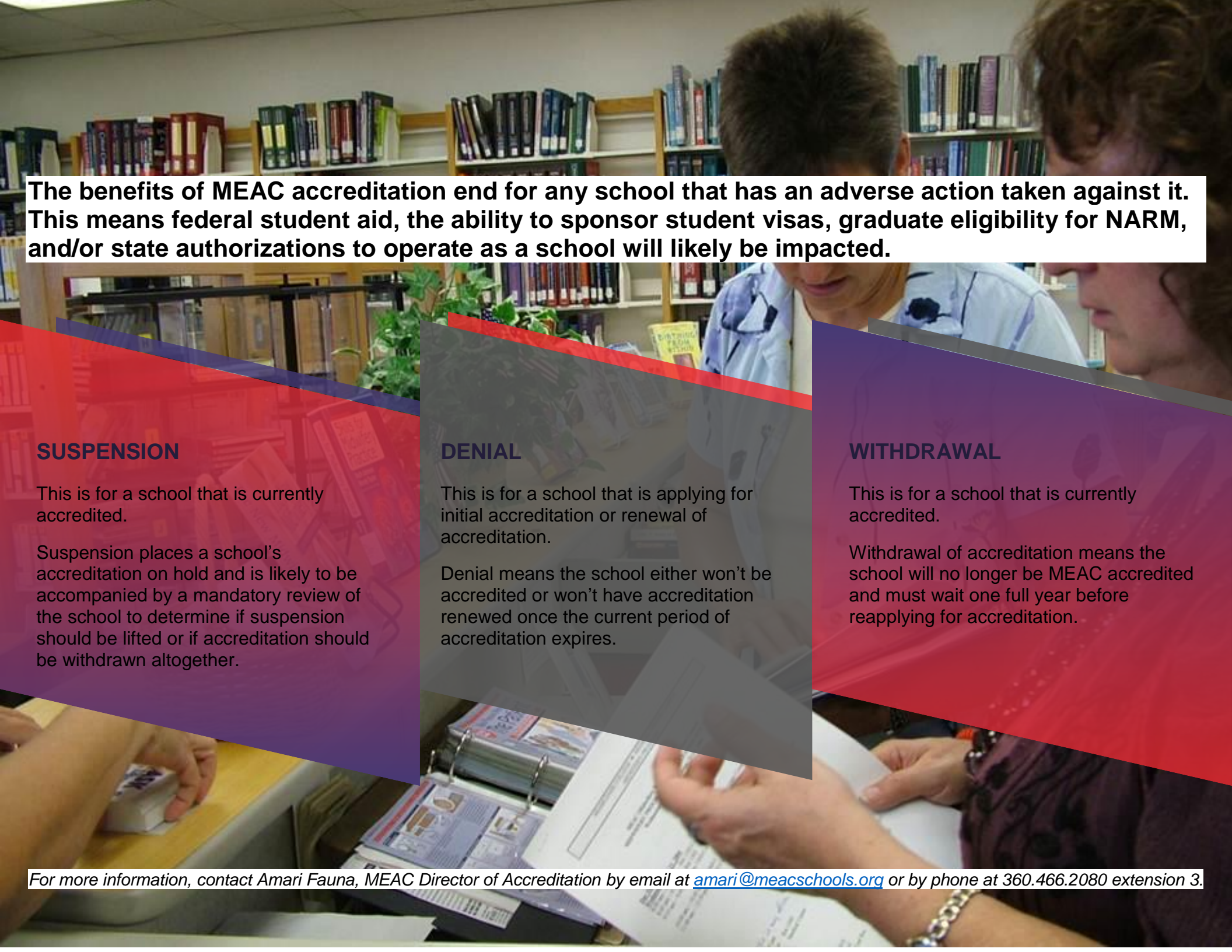
CAN A SCHOOL APPEAL?

Yes. There is an appeal process. It generally takes about six months and involves several steps, including the school's written appeal and a hearing.

While an appeal is in process, MEAC will not share any information with the public about the appeal process, the reason for the appeal, or the pending adverse action.

Once the appeal process is completed and a final decision has been reached, MEAC will inform the school and the public of the outcome.





The benefits of MEAC accreditation end for any school that has an adverse action taken against it. This means federal student aid, the ability to sponsor student visas, graduate eligibility for NARM, and/or state authorizations to operate as a school will likely be impacted.

SUSPENSION

This is for a school that is currently accredited.

Suspension places a school's accreditation on hold and is likely to be accompanied by a mandatory review of the school to determine if suspension should be lifted or if accreditation should be withdrawn altogether.

DENIAL

This is for a school that is applying for initial accreditation or renewal of accreditation.

Denial means the school either won't be accredited or won't have accreditation renewed once the current period of accreditation expires.

WITHDRAWAL

This is for a school that is currently accredited.

Withdrawal of accreditation means the school will no longer be MEAC accredited and must wait one full year before reapplying for accreditation.