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Dear Parents community,

Guide Academy is extremely pleased and proud to announce that Guide Academy/American School Academy has been granted accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Guide Academy/American School's accreditation status extends through June 20, 228, and is a testimony to the dedicated faculty, staff, and other stakeholders committed to high-quality learning and well-being for all students through a continuous improvement process.

Guide Academy/American School Academy would also like to thank the accreditation visiting committee for their perspectives throughout the visit based on the WASC criteria. The visiting committee report noted the following areas of strength exhibited within our school community:

- dedicated faculty,
- supportive learning environment, and
- commitment to student achievement and character development

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a world-renowned accrediting association and one of the six regional accrediting agencies in the United States, works closely with the Office of Overseas Schools under the U.S. Department of State. WASC provides assistance to schools worldwide, especially in California, Hawaii, Guam, Asia, the Pacific Region, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. Accreditation is a collaborative self-reflection and evaluation of all aspects of the school's program and its impact on student learning and well-being based on the WASC research-based criteria. Furthermore, accreditation is a certification to the public that the school is a trustworthy institution of learning and well-being that is committed to continuous improvement.

## WASC accreditation demonstrates:

- the school is substantially accomplishing its stated purposes and functions identified as appropriate for an institution of its type, and
- the school is meeting an acceptable level of quality in accordance with the WASC criteria adopted by the Accrediting Commission.

Through the WASC accreditation cycle, the school conducts an in-depth self-study, normally every five or six years; hosts an accreditation visit by fellow educators; and engages all

stakeholders in a follow-up process of implementing, monitoring, and refining the resulting schoolwide action plan. The visiting committee's report and recommendations are submitted to the WASC Commission for review and action on accreditation.

To learn more about WASC and the accreditation process, visit www.acswasc.org.

Sincerely,

Laila Shahrestani, Director