



Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

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Ms. Robin Appleby
Head of School
The American School in London
London, UK

Dear Ms. Appleby:

This is to confirm that the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools has received, reviewed and accepted the Mid-Term Report completed for The American School in London. The report was found to be complete, thorough and exciting as it provides evidence of faithful implementation of your plan for growth and improvement (MSA Goals) and describes your many notable achievements. Thank you for sharing all of this valuable information as it underscores the importance of a quality education for students that is recognized by the community as a valued opportunity.

You are to be commended for carefully and conscientiously reviewing and revising your Mission. With this clear focus on who you are and who you aspire to become, your work toward the creative and strategic goals is more clearly articulated. The noted accomplishments in meeting Ofsted with an “outstanding” rating, your increased enrollments and corresponding increases in faculty and staff as well as facilities improvements are all impressive.

Of great interest is your work on cultural competency for students. Your research base appears to have led you to deeper reflections on progress and inspired new and creative strategies to align more closely on what you define as cultural competency. When you begin thinking about your next accreditation cycle, I would like to suggest you further investigate the option of using our Sustaining Excellence protocol. Sustaining Excellence still requires meeting the 12 MSA Standards but instead of having 3-5 objectives, the school is asked to take on a school wide action research project – much like what you are doing with your work on cultural competency. Let me know if you’d like to discuss this further as we move closer to reaccreditation noted in the last paragraph below.

You are expected to continue to conduct and maintain Periodic Reviews of the progress on your goals. It is not required that these Periodic Reviews be submitted to Middle States, but they do assure continuing assessment of your progress on your goals.

Your school is accredited until December 1, 2023. We will contact you in the spring of 2021 to initiate the reaccreditation process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way at pfeir@msa-cess.org or 917-207-8968. Best wishes as you continue to provide your students with every opportunity to realize their maximum potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Priscilla S. Fein".