



OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION

April 15, 2022

Mr. Jerry Scott

President

Quality Schools International Foundation

Almaty International School

Ashgabat International School

Baku International School

Kyiv International School

QSI International School of Astana

QSI International School of Atyrau

QSI International School of Belize

QSI International School of Benin

QSI International School of Bishkek

QSI International School of Bratislava

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QSI International School of Chisinau

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QSI International School of Djibouti

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QSI International School of Dushanbe

QSI International School of El Tigre

QSI International School of Haiphong

QSI International School of Kosovo

QSI International School of Malta

QSI International School of Minsk

QSI International School of Montenegro

QSI International School of Munster

QSI International School of Papa

QSI International School of Phuket

QSI International School of Sarajevo

QSI International School of Shenyang

QSI International School of Shenzhen

QSI International School of Skopje

QSI International School of Suriname

QSI International School of Tblisi

QSI International School of Yerevan

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Dear Mr. Scott:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at its April 8th meeting the Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to award the following to **Quality Schools International Foundation**, grades PK2-12:

ACCREDITATION WITH STIPULATIONS

The term of accreditation is for seven years, effective **April 8, 2022** and expiring on **July 1, 2029**.

An Institution "Accredited with Stipulations" is granted when the Commissions have determined that an institution meets all of the Standards for Accreditation of the Commissions on Elementary and/or Secondary Schools, but does not meet one or more of the Indicators for the MSA-CESS Standards for Accreditation, one or more applicable MSA-CESS policies, and/or one or more requirements of the protocol selected for self-study and accreditation. In such cases, MSA will identify the stipulations and specify the nature, purpose, timelines, and scope of any corrective action required or additional

information to be submitted to the Commissions by the institution. Subsequent reports and/or on-site visits may be required to provide the Commissions with assurance that appropriate corrective action has been taken. Corrective action must take place within the specified time limit unless otherwise approved by the President of MSA-CESS.

As a condition of your accreditation, our Commissions have stipulated that the schools must meet the requirements specified below:

STIPULATION #1:

BISHKEK: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence that the outdoor basketball court surface was addressed to prevent student injuries.

STIPULATION #2:

BISHKEK: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence to address hiring of qualified teachers to ensure QSI standards for professional faculty or come to an alternative educational delivery system that ensures students receive instruction from qualified teachers.

STIPULATION #3:

BENIN: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence that it has updated plans for responding to emergencies and crises.

STIPULATION #4:

BENIN: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence it has developed and follows a schedule for conducting emergency drills as well as developing a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of the planned emergency drills.

STIPULATION #5:

BELIZE, BISHKEK, DJIBOUTI, MONTENEGRO, PAPA, PHUKET: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters will ensure all schools without medical personnel, have appropriately medically trained personnel with written job descriptions identifying roles and responsibilities that address/respond to medical emergencies, medical records, medical information, health services, etc., for the safety of all students and adhere to local authority mandates for a licensed medical professional where appropriate.

STIPULATION #6:

ATYRAU, BELIZE, BISHKEK, BRINDISI, DJIBOUTI, DUSHANBE, MONTENEGRO, PAPA, PHUKET, SURINAM: By September 1, 2022, QSI Headquarters will provide evidence that counseling services (pastoral, academic and college) are provided on a scheduled and regular basis for all students at all schools.

The Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools have identified issues of concern that, although not rising to the level of a stipulation, warrant monitoring to ensure that your school takes the necessary actions to resolve the issues. A monitoring issue does not affect your school's accreditation at this time. If the staff determines that an issue has not been resolved satisfactorily by the due date noted below, the Commission may elect to add it as a stipulation to your school's accreditation.

MONITORING ISSUE #1:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence to indicate:

- Progress on the review and revision of all policies and procedural guidelines
- A cross-reference to simplify and align policies as appropriate.

MONITORING ISSUE #2:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence that it has implemented:

- Annual Board Training,
- Self-evaluation,
- Succession planning

MONITORING ISSUE #3:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence indicating safe storage of science lab chemicals is addressed on the QSI Evaluation Form which is used by Regional Supervisors.

MONITORING ISSUE #4:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence it has created and implemented a fair and equitable system-wide budget to fund Facilities Plans at Component schools.

MONITORING ISSUE #5:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence it has created and communicated system-wide guidelines for assessments of facilities and provided a system-wide schedule for these assessments.

MONITORING ISSUE #6:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence it has created and implemented system-wide templates for maintenance as well as a schedule for regular submission of maintenance at the system-wide level.

MONITORING ISSUE #7:

ASHGABAT: By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence of the progress made toward resolving the lease situation.

MONITORING ISSUE #8:

BELIZE: By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence the school addressed additional outdoor shading and seating where appropriate.

MONITORING ISSUE #9:

BRINDISI: By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters must provide evidence the school developed and implemented a multi-year facilities plan.

MONITORING ISSUE #10:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters will provide evidence that indicates they have designed and implemented a system that uses student-level and cohort data to strategically and systematically

evaluate the effectiveness of the school's curricula, instructional methods, professional development programs, student services, and to guide the allocation of resources.

MONITORING ISSUE #11:

By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters will ensure that each school can adequately finance student activities appropriate to the school's mission.

MONITORING ISSUE #12:

BISHKEK, BRINDISI, DJIBOUTI, DUSHANBE: By the Mid-Term Report, QSI Headquarters will develop:

- A system-wide Technology Plan
- An updated technology inventory
- A plan to address technology needs and financial planning with each component school
- A plan to address the disparities observed at various school and among schools

At the beginning of the third year in your school's accreditation term, you are required to submit a Mid-Term Report in which you provide evidence that you are implementing your Plan for Growth and Improvement and of progress being made toward achieving your objectives. The Report will be reviewed by the Middle States staff, which will determine whether an on-site visit must be conducted to examine any areas of concern.

In the sixth year of the accreditation term, you will be notified to begin a new self-study to prepare for the next accreditation visit.

Please accept our sincere congratulations on the recognition of your school as an accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Enclosed please find your Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools accreditation certificate and other materials you can use to make this achievement known to your community of stakeholders. We are pleased that you continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards of quality of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The staff of the Commissions will be happy to be of service to you and your school at any time.

Sincerely,



Henry G. Cram, Ed.D
Interim President
Middle States Association
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

Next Activities Due
Mid-Term Report: **5/1/2025**
Team Visit: **Fall 2028**
Accreditation Expires: **7/1/2029**
MSA Internal School Code: **SYSQSI**

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