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Mr. Jeffrey D. Fischmann
Director
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Dear Mr. Fischmann:

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges announces the action taken by the Accrediting Commission for Schools granting Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province (QISS) accreditation status. Members of the WASC Commission studied the report of the Visiting Committee and noted the stellar aspects of the school; these included:

- The helpful liaison between the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the management company, Cheng Tou.
- The caring, concerned and supportive faculty with high expectations for students.
- The school's effective use of the expected schoolwide learning results and enhancement of them through authentic assessments.
- The director's knowledge of Chinese and his familiarity with local government and officials.
- The variety of choices in the after school program for the students.
- The school's active participation in the ACAMIS and Qingdao International Schools Network (QISN) sports and cultural events.
- The active involvement of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) in school life.
- The essential part of the Key Assignments within the curriculum.
- The many opportunities for the students to reflect on their learning.
- The wide variety of authentic assessments used at QISS.

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In addition, the Commission did note that the Visiting Committee report identified significant areas that need to be addressed, some of which had already been identified by the school. The Commission has determined that all critical areas for follow-up and the supporting key issues must be reflected upon by the school and, where possible, incorporated into the schoolwide action plan. However, the **Schoolwide Critical Areas for Follow-up** remain paramount and must be vigorously addressed as part of the schoolwide action plan.

The Commission hopes that action can be taken immediately on these critical areas. Therefore, to support ongoing improvement, the Commission has requested that there be an annual interim progress report submitted to WASC by June 1, 2012. This will be followed by a two and one-half day visit by a two-member committee during the spring of 2013 after preparation by the school of a Progress Report demonstrating the school has:

- Continually moved forward in ongoing school improvement, with emphasis on student achievement relative to the expected schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.
- Made substantial progress in the implementation of the schoolwide action that has integrated the critical areas for follow-up.

The results of the visit will be shared with the Commission with a recommendation regarding accreditation and ongoing support within the WASC six year accreditation cycle. As Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province (QISS) moves forward in ongoing school improvement, the WASC Commission congratulates you on accreditation and will be available to assist in this further growth and development.

Very truly yours,



Dale J. Mitchell
Commission Chair

cc: Dr. Kim Marshall, Visiting Committee Chairperson