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Dear Mrs. Ellingsworth:

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) announces the action taken at the Winter 2020 Commission Meeting. The ACS WASC Commissioners have determined Unity Concord International School (PK - 12) meets the ACS WASC criteria for candidacy. This accreditation status is based on all of the information provided by the school, including the initial visit report, and the satisfactory completion of the on-site initial accreditation visit.

It is the decision of the Commission to grant Unity Concord International School (grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th) Candidacy Status through June 30, 2023.

Schools with candidacy status are required to prepare a written progress report during the spring of the school year following the initial visit. The report should include the progress being made in meeting the recommendations of the Initial Visit Committee. Instructions for preparing and submitting this report will be provided to the school.

Prior to the end of this candidacy period, schools must complete a self-study assessment and submit a written self-study report, including progress made in addressing the initial visiting committee recommendations. Self-study training will be provided and schools will be expected to have key staff participate in these training sessions. A visiting committee will conduct a site visit to review the school's self-study findings and supporting evidence, conduct classroom observations, and dialogue with all stakeholders. The committee will evaluate the school's programs and operations and the impact on student learning.

Candidacy status is conditioned upon Unity Concord International School's continued adherence with the ACS WASC policies, procedures, and criteria for accreditation. One accreditation requirement is the obligation of schools to notify ACS WASC of any changes which might be substantive in nature with an explanation of the change and the anticipated effect on the educational program (see attached). Another accreditation requirement is that schools and districts annually contribute members to participate on visiting committees. This is particularly helpful to newly accredited schools in order to gain a better understanding of the accreditation process. New members can sign up to serve on a visiting committee on the ACS WASC portal at <https://webportal.acswasc.org>. Failure to maintain compliance with said policies, procedures, and standards is grounds for modification and/or withdrawal of accreditation.

The approval of candidacy status entitles you to use the following phrase on transcripts or in school advertising: **Candidate for Accreditation. Approved by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges**, until such time as the school has been granted accreditation or candidacy has either lapsed or been denied. The school is NOT authorized to use the word "accredited" or "accredited by" until accreditation has been granted by the Commission. Candidate schools MAY NOT use the ACS WASC logo or ACS WASC accreditation stamp on transcripts or school advertising.

If you choose to disclose your candidacy status in any communications with the public, you must specify the programs or grade levels which are covered by the candidacy status. You must also include the name, address and website of the Accrediting Commission for Schools in the same communication. The information to include is:

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The Commission looks forward to Unity Concord International School's anticipated success and continuing improvement in keeping with ACS WASC's pursuit of excellence in elementary, secondary, and adult education.

Sincerely,



Gregory A. Franklin
Commission Chairperson

Enclosures: Initial Visit Visiting Committee Report
ACS WASC Substantive Change Policy and Procedures

cc: Chairperson, Initial Visit Committee