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All the Heads of CBSE affiliated schools

Subject: School Quality Assessment and Accreditation

Dear Principal,

It is brought to the notice of all heads of the affiliated schools that it has been made **mandatory** to get accredited once in every five years. This has been done keeping in view the concerns regarding quality of education.

What is Accreditation?

It is a process of quality assessment based on self-analysis and peer interaction and assessed on the basis of predetermined norms in pre-defined areas, namely, Scholastic and Co-Scholastic Domains, Infrastructural Areas, Human Resources, Management and Administration, Leadership and Beneficiary Satisfaction.

What are the benefits of Accreditation?

- Promotes excellence and fosters pride in the institution
- Provides external recognition of the school's commitment to quality
- Provides a detailed evaluation of the institution's processes for quality improvement
- Identifies areas of strengths and weaknesses
- Enhances stakeholders' confidence in the institution

In addition to establishing strong school processes, the accredited school will be permanently affiliated.

To get accredited, the Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced **School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Scheme (SQAA)** which is a process of Assessment and Accreditation aiming at continuous quality improvement through self-analysis and self-monitoring of quality enhancement processes.

Who should apply and When?

- Every school affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education should apply.
- The schools should apply to the CBSE by filling up the **Form of Intent** online. (Form of Intent is available on the website accreditation.cbseacademics.in).

Who will do Accreditation?

Assessment for Accreditation will be done by the CBSE/private empanelled agencies. The final view on Accreditation will be taken by the CBSE only, initially. The assessing team, called Peer Assessor Team (PAT) will consist of three members who would be school Principals/Experts and who have been certified to be Assessors for Accreditation by CBSE.