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Dear Monarch Families,

We are writing to share an important milestone in our school's growth. **Monarch Prep is now a Candidate for Accreditation with the Middle States Association (MSA)** and has officially begun the self-study phase of the accreditation process.

What this means

Accreditation is a professional peer review for the purpose of growth and improvement. It's **structured yet flexible**, helping our team refine our vision, assess current practices, and turn that learning into a concrete, actionable plan. It is **not** a pass/fail exam or a one-size-fits-all checklist. Instead, the MSA self-study **doubles as an implementation framework** that produces useful artifacts—like clear policies and parent-friendly one-pagers—that our community will actually use.

MSA's approach **sharpens our identity rather than diluting it**. Their team are **guides, not gatekeepers**—experienced former school leaders who offer perspective, wisdom, and steady support at each step.

Why Accreditation? Why Now?

We chose MSA to advance priorities that matter for our students and families. Highlights for our community include:

- **Post-Graduate Opportunities.** Accreditation with MSA supports our plan to grant an **American diploma that is globally recognized**, ensuring every door possible is open to our first graduating class.
- **Strong Foundations for Learning.** MSA's **five standards and key concepts** prompt deep reflection across every part of our school—strengthening systems and improving the academic program you can count on.
- **Data-Backed Improvement.** We'll gather and use **data from our own community** so improvement stays tied to real needs, not hypotheticals—setting baselines now and tracking growth for our early cohorts.

(If helpful for our community, we may also align this work with voucher/ESA requirements and our strategic planning cycle so that **findings flow into budgets, timelines, and priorities.**)



Where we are in the process

As a Candidate for Accreditation, we are launching an **organization-wide self-study** led by Adam Levalle, PhD, Associate Vice President of Next Generation Accreditation. This inquiry centers on three questions:

1. **Who are we becoming?** What does the next best version of Monarch Prep look like?
2. **Where do we currently stand** relative to our vision and to MSA's standards—**Foundations, Governance & Organization, Student Well-Being, Resources, Teaching & Learning**—and what evidence supports that?
3. **How will we bridge the gap** between where we are and where we want to be, using the strengths and resources within our community?

When the self-study is complete, we will host a **small team of professional peer reviewers** from MSA who will visit as “critical friends,” celebrating strengths and identifying areas for continued improvement. At the end of the visit, the team will determine whether to **recommend Monarch Prep for accreditation** to the MSA Commission.

Timeline: Many schools complete the journey in **6–12 months**, with Commission decisions typically in **February and April**. We will share a detailed timeline for our school as we progress.

How you can participate

- **Share your voice.** Watch for brief family surveys/listening sessions—your feedback informs our evidence and action plans.
- **Join a focus group or volunteer.** Parents are welcome to support aspects of the self-study and the peer review visit.
- **Stay informed.** We'll post updates and artifacts (policies, one-pagers, key findings) as they are finalized

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About the Middle States Association

For **135 years**, MSA has **inspired wise change** in schools and school leaders. Today, **3,200+ schools** serving **over 2 million students** across **117 countries** participate in MSA accreditation, endorsements, and professional learning—equipping school communities to meet students' needs today while staying relevant amid major shifts in education.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. This work is about ensuring **clarity of identity and direction**, strengthening what's working, and improving where needed—so that every Monarch Prep student thrives.

Sincerely,
Monarch Admin



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Quick FAQ

Does accreditation change our mission or model?

No. MSA's process is **competency-based support** that **sharpens our identity** rather than forcing conformity.

Is this just paperwork?

No. The self-study **produces implementation tools** (policies, one-pagers, and clear measures) that guide daily decisions.

What will families see?

Periodic updates, opportunities for input, and published artifacts (e.g., key policies, progress snapshots). We'll share timelines and results as they're available.