



CIS Accreditation

Berlin Metropolitan School is proud to announce that it is now a CIS accredited member school. This achievement marks a tremendous step for BMS as an institution and is the outcome of a huge amount of hard work from our dedicated staff as well as our entire school community.

As part of the accreditation process, CIS shared formal feedback for all of the accreditation focus sections as well as a direct report from the visiting team, who conducted many interviews and meetings with students, staff, members of our leadership teams, and parents from our community. The visiting team's report illustrates the direct feedback regarding our strengths overall, taken from our documentation and their firsthand experiences having spent over a week at our school.

BMS is proud to share with our wider school community the summary statements of the visiting team regarding the action plans BMS created based on our findings, as this summary statement illustrates the encouraging level of feedback received. The summary findings show the commitment of our team and the feedback is a reflection of their hard work over the course of this 18-month period of the accreditation process:

VISITING TEAM SUMMARY STATEMENTS

"The BMS Senior Leadership Team, staff, students and community have a clear vision of the steps they need to take in their ongoing development as a school.

The Visiting Team (VT) was consistently impressed by the clarity and consistency of responses across all our meetings.

If there is a single word that describes BMS's positive approach to improvement, it might be 'ambitious.' All members of the community with whom the VT spoke have justifiable pride in the school while articulating a great desire to move to the next step in its development.

The plans they have developed are based on a thorough analysis of their whole organization, are accurate reflections on what they need, and are both strategic (big picture) and specific (manageable). It is important to note that the Action Plans described here are part of a much larger and far-reaching Strategic Plan that is

designed to help the school clarify its own understanding of its Guiding Statements and to embed those in every aspect of the School's performance.

The VT has no doubt that the school has the capacity to meet its goals. They are well-resourced, highly strategic, and focused on student learning.

The only recommendation we would make is to review the timeline of the Action Plans, as almost all items are scheduled for the next 18 months - a very short amount of time to accomplish the wide range of changes that they wish to make. Breaking down their steps into more specific actions scheduled over a longer period of time should help keep the process from becoming overwhelming. Having said that, the drive and commitment of the whole school community was very much in evidence throughout the visit. The VT believes that what this school wants to achieve, it can achieve."