



***“The Evaluation Team is unanimous in observing and confirming that the International School of Prague is mission-driven, student-focused, future-leaning, progressive on many levels, high performing and a safe, secure place for learning.”***

Dear ISP Families,

It fills me with a great sense of pride, and is my pleasure to share with you, the results of the 18-month long re-accreditation process that was recently completed. These results were presented to the Board of Trustees and shared with Faculty & Staff last night.

For those who keep a close eye on ISP, it should come as no surprise that the evaluation teams from both [the Council of International Schools \(CIS\)](#) and the [New England Association of Schools and Colleges \(NEASC\)](#), have unreservedly re-accredited our school with the highest praise (please click on the above links for the cover letter from each agency - the full reports are available at any time for your review in my office).

Both accrediting teams, made up of highly-respected educators and administrators, took with them the clear understanding that ISP is a “high performing” school and a leader in international education. Here are just a few indicative quotes from the reports:

- *“The ISP community is uniquely situated to transfer learning across disciplines and inspire students to tackle complex issues by providing them with meaningful learning experiences connected to real-world contexts... There is an understanding that there is a need to learn more than just what is in a textbook”*
- *“ISP has created an environment where creativity thrives”.*
- *“A learning community that taps into student’s strengths, wonderings and interests by promoting authentic, relevant and engaging tasks”.*
- *“Learning at ISP is clearly multi-faceted. Through classroom observations, walk-throughs and learning observations, the Visitors saw and heard students grappling with high order thinking across many subject areas.”*
- *“ISP is future-leaning. The school is highly aspirational in design, innovation and strategy for the future of teaching and learning with this organisational culture coupled with passionate and sophisticated school leaders, teachers and support staff. Ambition personified.”*
- *“ISP lives up to its mission of inspiring all learners to lead healthy, fulfilling and purposeful lives.”*

The visiting teams also recognized our outstanding teachers and support staff, stating, “ISP is filled with passionate and highly qualified faculty and staff.” I couldn’t agree more. As the Director of this school, I am honored to call the people who work here my colleagues. Their energy and commitment, which is so visible on a daily basis, is making a real difference in young people’s lives - your children’s lives.

While this is a time to be proud of this ringing endorsement of our School’s Mission, Strategy and indeed of the entire ISP Community, as a future-focused school we are not complacent and we always look ahead to the next exciting challenge. I am pleased to say that the accreditors have recognized that most of their recommendations to the school are already being addressed by our strategic plan, ISP2020, and in the Faculty & Staff “Learning Inquiry Focus Teams” (or LIFTs).

I am grateful to those members of the community who participated in the re-accreditation process, and to all of you who put your faith in the school every day; we hope that you feel the same pride that we do in the International School of Prague.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arnie Bieber'.

Arnie Bieber