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Dear Lou,

*CIS Response to Special Reports
and Award of CIS Accreditation*

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Council of International Schools, assisted by the CIS Accreditation Service and its Advisors, have now completed their consideration of your school's December 2007 Special Report and the subsequent Special Visitor's Report submitted by John Heard in February 2008. I am pleased to inform you that both reports have been accepted, and the International School of Monterey (ISM) has therefore been awarded CIS accredited status. Congratulations to you and your entire school community on this achievement.

CIS was impressed by the progress made by the school in addressing the Special Issues arising from the October 2006 CIS/WASC Team Visit. The CIS Board took particular note of these concluding remarks in the latest Special Visitor's Report:

Despite the recent leadership/management turnover, it is to the credit of the teachers, interim Director Larry Cummins and the I.S.M. Board that enough progress has been demonstrated on certain issues to satisfy at least the spirit (if not the letter) of this Special Visit. Of particular note is the creation of the thorough ISM Strategic Plan 2008 – 2012.

It has also been observed by the Visitor that the Board President Mr. Prashant Gupta cited the progress on the Special Issues in his annual report to the parent community in early December. His speech can be found on the ISM website. Finally, it should not be forgotten that the original Visiting Team Report was full of commendations for Standards being met by the school and the many good practices that the Team observed.

You may now publish the fact that the International School of Monterey has been accredited by the Council of International Schools. Moreover, the school's name will immediately be included on the list of accredited institutions on the CIS website. An official leaflet entitled "Your Child is at an Accredited School" is published by CIS, and you may wish to obtain a number of copies for distribution in your school community. If so, you should directly contact the printers whose details are shown below:

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(Please note: Your own school's name will not appear in this leaflet until the 2008-2009 edition is published in September 2008).

To celebrate the granting of accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. This ceremony could take place at a number of possible venues, and staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you with more information. We hope that you, or a designated representative, will be able to receive the award at a convenient time and place. You may wish to invite a representative of the School Governing Body to join you in the ceremony.

The next routine stage of the accreditation process requires you to submit a *First Report of Progress and Planning (FRPP)* by 1st May 2009 covering the school's response to *all* the October 2006 CIS/WASC Visiting Team recommendations. [Guidance on how to write the FRPP can be found in Chapter Four of the booklet "Award of Accreditation and Subsequent Procedures" which will be sent to you.]

We look forward to receiving your *First Report of Progress and Planning* by early May 2009. After that, CIS will propose a timeline to cover the rest of the current accreditation cycle. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact John Heard, Accreditation Officer responsible for your school johnheard@cois.org or me if there is any point that is unclear or on which you feel we may be of assistance.

Once again Lou, congratulations to everyone at the International School of Monterey on achieving accredited status.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Gerry
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[Please note: You should have already received the Special Visitor's Report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact Sue Collins at the CIS Madrid Office suecollins@cois.org so that she can re-send you a copy.]