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FRANK ANTONIDIES SCHOOL EARNS MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

West Long Branch, New Jersey — Frank Antonides School announced today that it has earned accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

“Middle States accreditation serves as an independent validation of the good work we do, and the accreditation process focused our attention on strategic planning and continuous improvement practices,” said Mr. Thomas G. Farrell, Superintendent of Schools. “We are proud to have earned accreditation and look forward to continuing to work with our administrators, teachers, and parents to provide high quality education for all students.”

Accreditation is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Middle States Standards for Accreditation are: mission; governance and leadership; school improvement planning; finances; facilities; school organization and staff; health and safety; educational program; assessment and evidence of student learning; student services; student life and activities, and information resources.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school or school system and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Middle States member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

The visiting team makes its recommendation to the Middle States Association Commissions, which votes on the accreditation.

“The Middle States accreditation process is a proven approach to help schools and students grow and improve,” said Henry G. Cram, Ed.D., president of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. “School leaders, teachers and parents are to be commended for working together to plan for the future and set goals aimed at advancing student achievement.”

About Frank Antonides School

Frank Antonides School serves 256 students in grades 5-8 for the West Long Branch School District. The staff works tirelessly to meet the diverse needs of the student population. Students at Frank Antonides are exposed to a rigorous program of core academic content, a growing pool of electives and special area classes, and a rich co-curricular and athletic program in order to foster social, academic, and emotional growth. We pride ourselves on challenging and stimulating coursework that includes accelerated math classes, an extensive Academically Talented Program, and a variety of electives. Teachers and students have access to state-of-the-art technology. Frank Antonides is completely one-to-one with Google Chromebooks. Our staff also makes use of this and multiple other platforms to leverage technology to facilitate 21st Century learning.

Our vision is to produce socially responsible students who are life-long learners equipped with the necessary skills to succeed at the next level of secondary education, and our mission is to put students first! In collaboration with all stakeholders, we will provide a safe and secure learning environment free from bias, increased academic rigor, cutting edge technology, and state-of-the-art facilities.

About Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS)

Based in Philadelphia, the Middle States Association is the worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 125 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development and advance student achievement. With more than 2,500 accredited schools and school systems in 34 states and over 100 countries, MSA-CESS is proud of its continuing legacy and its ongoing innovations to meet the challenges of improving education in the 21st century. For more information visit www.msa-cess.org.