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THE SIENA SCHOOL EARNS MIDDLE STATES REACCREDITATION

Silver Spring, Maryland, and Oakton, Virginia – The Siena School announced today that it has earned reaccreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

“We are delighted to once again receive this independent validation of Siena’s educational program,” said [Dr. Jilly Darefsky](#), Executive Head of School. “The rigorous process of accreditation underscores the outstanding opportunities Siena provides, and we are proud to be a member of the Middle States network. As recognized through this reaccreditation cycle, our investment in growth and advancement reinforces our commitment to provide a high-quality education for students with language-based learning differences.”

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 a peer review.

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

“The Middle States accreditation process advances school evolution,” said Christian Talbot, president of MSA-CESS. “Middle States–accredited schools are part of a powerful network of innovative and skilled educators from around the globe committed to preparing students to contribute to the common good, to be purposeful citizens, and to live fulfilling lives.”

About The Siena School

[The Siena School](#), a leader in dyslexia education, serves bright, college-bound students with language-based learning differences. The school was established in 2006 in [Silver Spring, MD](#), where it currently serves students in grades 4-12. The [Northern Virginia campus](#) serves grades 3-11. The [Silver Spring Satellite Campus](#) will serve grades 3-4 beginning in the 2024-25 school year. Siena’s staff and board of advisors include distinguished national, state, and local education leaders and professionals. Siena’s program is designed for students with mild to moderate learning needs who are experiencing a discrepancy between their academic achievement and intellectual abilities in one or more areas such as reading, writing, oral expression, or math. For further information, visit www.thesienaschool.org.

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. Since 1887, 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 2,700 accredited schools and school systems in nearly 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, and in over 110 countries, Middle States 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.