



September 10, 2020

Mr. Gary J. Niels  
Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools  
37 East Germantown Pike  
Suite 302  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Dear Mr. Niels:

I am writing to inform you that the State Board of Education on September 9, 2020, approved the application of the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) seeking to renew its authority to serve as an approved accreditation organization under the Private Academic Schools Act (24 P. S. § 6705). Approval is granted under authority provided by the Private Academic Schools Act consistent with the Statement of Policy - Accreditation Organizations published at 22 Pa. Code Chapter 52.

The approval is valid for a five-year period that runs through September 9, 2025. The scope of the approval includes the following program areas:

Pre-K (Nursery), Kindergarten, Elementary and Secondary Private Academic Schools

The State Board of Education will notify your organization approximately one year before the expiration of your term of authorization and will provide instructions on how to apply for renewal of accrediting authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Molchanow". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Karen Molchanow  
Executive Director

cc: Sara Hockenberry, Office of Chief Counsel

Matt Stem, Deputy Secretary, Elementary and Secondary Education

Monica Washington, Director, School Services Office