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Dear School Leaders.
Assalaam Alaikum.

We are proud to announce that CISNA is now the lead accreditor in the partnership with Cognia, an international nonprofit accrediting schools in 90 countries! For the past year CISNA has been working through the process to become a lead accreditor and has achieved this through a rigorous standards alignment procedure. **CISNA schools can now apply for accreditation with CISNA and receive dual accreditation with COGNIA.**

CISNA will conduct dual accreditation engagement review visits and will assign team members for the review. Cognia will no longer assign team members and schools will not have to go through the Cognia training and engagement review process using Cognia performance standards and protocol. Schools will follow the CISNA standards and procedure moving forward unless they choose to have Cognia take the lead.

Schools will still maintain their Cognia accreditation status through the synchronized accreditation program and will still have access to Cognia tools and services available through their Cognia membership. However, CISNA will be the main point of contact on accreditation related matters.

We will hold a Zoom session on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 10 AM EST to provide an overview of the new process. The link to join the meeting is [HERE](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Sufia Azmat, Executive Director, CISNA at cisnaoffice@gmail.com.

Looking forward to serving our schools through accreditation leadership!

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