



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF ABU DHABI

PO BOX 42114 ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES • TEL 9712 681-5115 • FAX 9712 681-6006 • Web <http://acs.sch.ae>

February 3, 2013

Kevin Graham, President
Lookout Management
London, Ontario

Dear Kevin,

I never thought I would be writing this letter in that this is my first year at the American Community School (ACS) of Abu Dhabi and when I arrived here in August I learned that you had been retained to do a school climate survey. Had I been here last Spring I would have discouraged the Board from retaining a professional to do a school climate survey fully believing that we can conduct our own survey and save the expense of hiring an outside firm.

This is one of those moments, as an educator, when it feels so good to be declared wrong because your survey work at ACS has been invaluable as a means to stir good conversation around our mission and core values. Your presence on campus last week was particularly helpful in providing a detached analysis of the data. Your huge amount of experience that you shared with the various groups while presenting the results simply added to the credibility of your work.

Of course, you now leave us with a considerable amount of work that will take care of whatever downtime I was anticipating throughout the remainder of the year. However, just knowing that you continue to make yourself available to us as we sort through all of this information is also very comforting.

I'm confident that ACS will be a better school community as a result of your work with us.

With warm wishes and sincere thanks,

Bob Gross
Superintendent



MSA

A.C.S. IS FULLY ACCREDITED BY THE MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS