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Assalaamu Alaikum Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 academic year. The staff, Management Committee and I are honored and privileged to work with our children. We are thrilled to open our very first Grade 10 class, Alhamdulillah!

The work of an educator is essential and is driven by a mission, core values and vision. MAC Islamic School's mission is as follows: "MAC Islamic School is a school of choice focusing on academic excellence that produces positively influential individuals with exceptional Islamic character while having fun."

We believe that our beloved students deserve the best education possible as they work to reach their potential. Our school embodies three core values (passion, integrity, quality) and we use these values to guide our actions. Our Education Plan outlines five strategic objectives: Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, Governance, and Local and Societal Context. As a learning organization, these five objectives connect and anchor our work within our Pre-Schools, Elementary School, and Jr./Sr. High School. Alhamdulillah. These priorities outline our strategies to support continuous improvement and provide successful experiences for all students. Our intention is to work as a team so that we may best navigate the course of the future as we continue to expand our services to the community, inshaAllah. We shine brighter together.

Our iRISE Tarbiyah Framework is the signature highlight of MAC Schools. Through iRISE, students will develop a strong Muslim identity based on their firm relationship with Allah swt. As a community,

let's support our students to have a strong sense of responsibility and care, by being ethical and engaged global citizens. Our iRISE theme for the 2022 - 2023 school year is Justice. "Oh you who believe! Stand firmly for justice, as witnesses to God..."(4:135). As a MAC community, let us be in a continuous journey to develop ourselves spiritually, to always be conscious of Allah swt, and be present and be active participants in the society and community around ourselves. *Together we will RISE above the challenges we will face*, inshaAllah.

MAC Islamic School adheres to Alberta Education's Program of Studies. As a result, we will implement the New Curriculum directives for literacy, numeracy and Physical Education/Wellness in Kindergarten to Grade 6 inshaAllah. Our focus will be on respect, critical thinking, leadership, citizenship and civic virtues. The underlying foundational principles for our curriculum are guided by Alberta Education requirements and our MAC iRISE Tarbiyah Framework.

Health and safety continues to be one of our priorities. Although COVID related restrictions have been lifted, it is important to note that we will ensure hand-washing and good hygiene practices, maximize air quality in our schools (air filtration and air exchange), ensure cleaning practices are maintained and rely on the community commitment to stay home if symptomatic. We appreciate your continued support and May Allah swt bless us all with the best of health and iman.

InshaAllah, we look forward to the start of an incredible 2022 - 2023 school year and expect greatness ahead for our students and families.

Kind regards,

Mariam Hashmi Principal

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