



# CANTERBURY SCHOOL

## NEASC GRANTS CANTERBURY SCHOOL CONTINUED ACCREDITATION FOLLOWING VISITING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has voted to grant Canterbury School Continued Accreditation following review of the School's Self-Study Report, Visiting Committee Report, and Canterbury's response letter. The NEASC works to establish and maintain high standards for all levels of education and inspire institutional commitment to the integrity of their program. The Accreditation Process is structured in a ten-year cycle during which Canterbury undergoes a Follow-up process at the 2 and 5-year marks to ensure compliance with the Committee's recommendations. As reported by the NEASC, Canterbury's Continued Accreditation attests to substantial compliance with established qualitative standards, integrity in statements to the public describing the School's program, the School's commitment to improvement, and sufficiency of School resources. It is within a spirit of continued excellence that Canterbury completed the NEASC Self-Study Report and the Visiting Committee evaluation to receive the Committee's Continued Accreditation.

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### A Summary of Noteworthy NEASC Commendations

**The strong and palpable sense of community that permeates the entire School.** Canterbury is committed to creating a sense of belonging on campus for all students. Our School is one in which students and faculty forge lasting bonds; where every student experiences a broad and challenging program within a small school setting. The School's commitment to community is reflected in every aspect of student life. Canterbury students feel comfortable to take on new feats amidst the welcoming and affirming environment fostered by faculty, staff, and their peers.

**The School community's commitment to embracing the transition in leadership and their enthusiasm for innovative approaches.** Canterbury's leadership – including all faculty and the Trustees – is dedicated to strengthening the School. With Canterbury's recently inducted Head of School and newly instated Administrative Leadership team, the School has all the right players in all the key roles to ensure the School is positioned for future success and to best support student life.

**The Board of Trustees' dedicated governance and generous commitment to Canterbury's future and the reinvigorated capital campaign in planning for the School's future.** Over \$35 million has been invested in Canterbury's physical spaces over the last decade, including the renovated and expanded Markey Steele '72 Hall, South House Dormitory, and Sheehy Family Turf Field – spaces that touch each component of campus life. As we seek to continue to enrich the student experience, the School, led by the generosity and commitment of the Board of Trustees, is dedicated to enhancing and broadening the current facilities to reflect Canterbury's commitment to the best in independent school education.

**The commitment to Canterbury's spiritual core.** At Canterbury, we recognize that spiritual growth is a vitally important part of a complete education and to our School's mission. We prepare our students not only for success in higher learning and in life, but also to step forward as moral leaders in a complex, secular world.