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University of Houston Child Care Center

From the *Director's Desk*

Dear UHCCC Families and Friends,

We are happy to announce that UHCCC is hosting a Quality Assurance Review visit on **May 4th** from **The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)**, for a second accreditation. Currently we are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) which represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. NAEYC accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefits to children and families.



UHCCC believes that our commitment to both the NAEYC and Texas School Ready™ standards has prepared us to now take the next step to SACS accreditation and ensure each child has a quality education and the school readiness skills to enter kindergarten ready to learn. SACS, is designed:

- *“As an activity, not a status. Schools are accredited because of the way they move, not the way they stand.”*
- *“To engage the entire school community in a continuous process of self-evaluation, reflection, and improvement.”*

UHCCC administrators and staff performed an in-depth assessment of each of the SACS seven standards to identify data, information, evidence and document results that validate we are meeting each standard. The seven standards address the following areas:



- Vision and Purpose*
- Governance and Leadership*
- Teaching and Learning*
- Documenting and Using Results*
- Resources and Support Systems*
- Stakeholder Communications and Relationships*
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement*



In surveys conducted by SACS CASI, schools report that the greatest benefits of accreditation are the external mark of quality, high standards, and school improvement process and support. Perhaps more importantly, children benefit from accreditation because, through the process, their school or district has committed to raising children performance and will be held accountable for improving children learning on a continual basis.

Thank you for your support in helping UHCCC be the best we can be!

Sincerely,
Sherry Howard