The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) currently serves over 5,200 K-12 schools and programs worldwide, including 560 international schools. For the last decade, we have been growing at about 200 schools and programs per year. Over 80 percent of our schools are in California and include private, public, and charter schools. This last school year, we visited 1,426 schools and made accreditation recommendations to the 35-member ACS WASC Commission.

After two years of conducting our accreditation visits virtually, we are back to in-person visits every six years, with a check-in mid-cycle after three years. Our mid-cycle visits are predominantly virtual or in writing. Our peer reviewers are educators from similar institutions. We have 35 employees that work a hybrid work-home schedule from our Burlingame office.

To commemorate our sixtieth year, our President, Barry Groves, and Vice President, Marilyn George, have published a book outlining the K-12 domestic accreditation landscape and history: “Connecting the Dots of Accreditation: Leadership, Coherence, and Continuous Improvement.”

We are in a strong financial position with a healthy economic reserve. We are at the end of a four-year new technology implementation based on the Salesforce platform.