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## ACS WASC Director of International Accreditation Services *Press Release*

**Burlingame, CA, June 15, 2017** — The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) would like to welcome Dr. David Ottaviano as director of International Accreditation Services. Dr. Ottaviano most recently served as the head of GEMS International School-AI Khail in Dubai. He has extensive experience in school administration and ACS WASC. His tenure as a school head includes ten years as a public school superintendent in New Jersey and 21 years as the head of private, international schools in Serbia, Italy, Japan, Romania, and the UAE. With his years at the helm of schools, he has gained expertise in strategic planning, international recruitment, board training, as well as educational and operations management. He brings strong experience and an analytical perspective to help schools in their quest for school improvement. Dr. Ottaviano will begin his new position with ACS WASC on July 1.

Dr. Ottaviano has had extensive experience with ACS WASC serving as an ACS WASC Commissioner, an educational consultant, and on numerous ACS WASC visiting committees. In addition to his 31 years of experience as a school head, he has held board leadership positions in international professional development groups in Asia and Central and Eastern Europe. He has served as president of IB North Asia, vice-president of East Asia Region Council of International Schools (EARCOS), and chairman of Central and Eastern Schools Association (CEESA).

Dr. Ottaviano received a B.A. from Grove City College in Psychology, an M.A. in School Psychology from Montclair State University, and an Ed.D. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Educational Leadership and Psychology. His post-doctoral work was as a Klingenstein Fellow at Teachers College, Columbia University. He has written numerous articles on the adjustment of children, on psychology, and on the education of students.

The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) is a world-renowned accrediting association and one of the six regional accrediting agencies in the United States. ACS WASC extends its services worldwide to approximately 5,000 public, private, independent, church-related, and proprietary preK–12 schools, especially to schools in California, Hawaii, Asia, and the Pacific Islands.

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