



## **LVDLCS is officially MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED!**

LVDLCS is proud to announce that we have received our **official accreditation status** from the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools! Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year the entire LVDLCS community has been working diligently to complete the in-depth evaluation and review process. The Board of Trustees, staff, students, and parents all participated in the process by completing surveys, participating in interviews, and completing a self-evaluation that included all 12 of the Middle States Standards for Accreditation (mission, governance and leadership, school improvement planning, finances, facilities, school organization and staff, health and safety, educational program, assessment and evidence of student learning, student services, student life and activities, and information resources). The process culminated with an intense three day visit from a team of professionals from the Middle States Association.

“The Middle States accreditation process is a proven approach to help schools and students grow and improve,” said Henry G. Cram, Ed.D. President of the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. “School leaders, teachers and parents are to be commended for working together to plan for the future and set goals aimed at advancing student achievement.” Ms. Pluchinsky, LVDLCS principal, adds that “completing the accreditation process with my LVDLCS “family” has been an extremely rewarding experience. Thank you, everyone, who participated”. According to Ms. Mohring, “It is extremely humbling to be acknowledged for exactly what we strive so hard to be...a family”. Finally, Miss Janirca, one of our internal coordinators for the Middle States Accreditation process, states “I am so very proud to hear that colleagues from different school backgrounds, were able to see, hear and feel what we experience every day. LVDLCS is a safe place of learning, where kindness, compassion and empathy are practiced every day. We are a place where we have all become a family. Thank you LVDLCS!”

**Again, thank you everyone for your support and participation throughout this process. CONGRATULATIONS --- WE DID IT!**