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All the Heads of Independent Schools
Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Centre for Assessment, Evaluation & Research (CAER): Launch of Assessment Training Programme

Dear All,

As you are aware that the Central Board of Secondary Education and Pearson Foundation have established the Centre for Assessment, Evaluation, and Research (CAER) through public private partnership.

The purpose of the Centre is to develop global capabilities and resources for schools, teachers and key functionaries of school management. It is envisaged through this endeavour that a symbiosis of the expertise and experience of the Board and the partner organization, Pearson Foundation will help in bringing about an overall improvement in the quality of learning, assessment, research and professional development.

It is important for all the stakeholders in the CBSE affiliated schools to know that the Centre has been established with these specific objectives in mind; to:

- create research capability and assessment practices of international quality.
- improve the standard of public examination and assessment practices in schools.
- conduct research into policies and programmes that can improve student learning and teaching quality
- provide professional development for Principals, Teachers and other personnel
- monitor the input and feedback process regarding levels of students' learning
- provide insight and support to study existing school-based assessment practices
- develop and publish research-based support materials to strengthen school-based process and practices.
- conduct National & International conferences, seminars, symposia etc on areas of relevance
- facilitate scholarships and other exchange programmes with other International institutes of repute

Since its inception, the Centre has taken strides to formulate the first of a series of professional development programmes for teachers and principals and is now about to roll out its **Assessment Training Programme (ATP) w e f February 2013.**

The ATP comprises the following four modules:

- Constructing quality multiple choice items to assess the scholastic skills of the curriculum
- Constructing quality constructed-response items to assess the scholastic skills of the curriculum
- Formative Assessment and the use of performance standards for assessing scholastic and co-scholastic skills
- Classroom based research

Participation in all four modules and the fulfilment of the required follow up activity will allow those attending to submit evidence for a qualification. Whether or not delegates opt for the qualification, successful participation will create a pool of assessment experts in the country as well as build assessment capacity of teachers in India.

All CBSE schools may consider participating whole heartedly in the aforesaid Programme. A training calendar will be sent out to all schools by the Centre early in the New Year and you will be invited to nominate staff to attend the first module.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter or indeed about the Centre, more generally, please contact the Centre's Interim Director, Ms Isabel Sutcliffe, at info@indiaeaer.org and visit their website at www.indiaeaer.org.

With kind regards



Vineet Joshi

Chairman, CBSE and Chairman, CAER Executive Council

Copy to below mentioned respective Heads of Directorates/KVS/NVS/CTSA with a request to disseminate the information to all concerned schools under their jurisdiction:

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