

## *Benefits of Accreditation*



### *For Schools*

1. The accreditation process verifies that each accredited school meets the standards of high quality as determined by pre-defined objective benchmarks.
2. The 10 standards identify the elements that define good or exemplary schools.
3. The CHI accreditation standards address ten major aspects of school operation as identified in professional education research.
4. The complete process helps improve the quality of schools by providing a comparison to provincial standards.
5. Accreditation encourages an ethic of continuous improvement in the organization and strengthens the identity of Christian schools.
6. Accreditation facilitates and develops high quality and responsive Christian schools as the second stage of a three-part improvement program. The third stage is the Awards of Distinction Program.

### *For Boards*

1. Visible accountability in exceeding the provincial standards and meeting high Christian education standards monitored by an outside team.
2. Reward for hard work of community, board, staff and teachers.
3. Increased credibility and good publicity in the community.
4. Increased recognition for excellence in the community and Christian education circles.
5. The complete process takes one year and includes an objective client-feedback mechanism.

### *Annual Benefits*

1. Maintaining the profile guarantees that schools look critically at their annual practices.
2. The annual *Best Practice Seminar* builds the continuous improvement of the school faculty.
3. The profile gives potential customers (parents) an up-to-date description of the school.
4. The standard allows for easy comparison from school to school for decision-making purposes by parents.