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**Strelitz International Academy Earns International
Baccalaureate® World School Authorization**
SIA Becomes First Official Primary Years IB Programme in Tidewater

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VA: After two years of candidacy, the Strelitz International Academy (SIA) has just received full authorization as an International Baccalaureate® World School Primary Years Programme. The Strelitz International Academy has been an exceptional Preschool through Grade 5 program for over 65 years. Under the IB® Authorization, preschool and elementary aged children of all faiths have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a comprehensive global learning approach. SIA focuses on shaping active, compassionate and lifelong learners, grounded by intercultural understanding and respect. Due to SIA's advanced and enriching program, SIA graduates are better prepared for middle school; they matriculate to area gifted programs, IB programs, AP classes and the area's top private schools.

"I am so proud of our school community, our faculty and staff who have worked hard to provide a safe year of in person learning this past year, while also working to achieve our authorization to be an IB World School®," says Heather Moore, Head of School. "Our teachers created engaging units of study for our Program of Inquiry — and met all requirements during the IB authorization visit in June."

David Cardon, SIA Board President is thrilled about the school's IB® authorization. "SIA enrollment has grown since the beginning of the IB® authorization process. Families know and trust the globally recognized IB education brand and are excited about the opportunities for learning that it provides their children. We are excited to welcome families from a broad spectrum of countries who have found our school, including Israel, Denmark, Britain, Czech Republic, and India to name a few."

Amy Weinstein, parent of two SIA students, raved about her children's rich learning experiences. "In kindergarten my son is already learning Hebrew and Violin, and is learning to think globally through his IB® Units of study. We are very excited to watch him grow and evolve as a learner and a citizen, as he progresses through the IB Primary Years Program."

SIA has the largest infant care center in Virginia Beach. Feedback from the community consistently points to parents who are greatly appreciative for the opportunity to place their children in the nurturing environment provided at SIA — from infant day care, up to fifth grade.

After a successful 2020-2021 in person school year, SIA is looking forward to the first day of school, on August 23, 2021, with this official International Baccalaureate World School® designation!

Contact Carin Simon, Admissions Director to inquire about openings or schedule a tour. 757.424.4327 or csimon@strelitzacademy.org