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To,
The Heads of the Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Launch of Essential Concepts Document

Dear Principals,

The present as well the last academic sessions have been challenging for students and teachers alike. The Covid-19 pandemic thrust the entire education system into an unprecedented and untried era of blended learning. In these times, our teachers emerged as real-life heroes by adapting quickly and effectively to the changing demands of students and the novel digital classroom. This was also a time for reflection for teachers as well as CBSE. The pandemic posed some crucial questions – “How can we support our students?”, “Are we transacting the curriculum as desired?”, “Are we achieving the desired learning outcomes?”, “Have our students picked the core skills to avoid increasing learning gaps in higher classes?”

CBSE facilitates its schools by preparing resources to support the teaching-learning journey. It is a challenge for teachers to identify what is core and essential learning that must not be watered down or left out at any cost even in the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Therefore, to support the schools and teachers, CBSE along with Educational Initiatives (EI) has prepared a document on Essential Concepts that lists all the core concepts in English, Mathematics and EVS/Science for Grades 1-10. With the limited time available to teachers in the remainder of the academic session, this document will guide them on what key ideas to focus on to minimize the learning loss.

We hope that teachers will be able to refer to this list of concepts while making their lesson plans, in order to ensure that these essential concepts are covered and given sufficient time during the teaching-learning process. We encourage all schools and teachers to use this resource to focus on the most important concepts so that our students may continue to flourish and excel in their academic endeavors.

With best wishes,

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