



** SABIS® PPP School Contract in Kurdistan Renewed for Three Years **

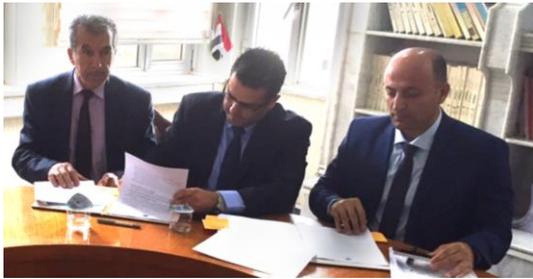
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The management contract for seven public-private partnership (PPP) schools that are part of the SABIS® Network in Kurdistan was recently renewed. The seven PPP schools, which have been phased into operation starting from 2008, operate on a three-year, renewable contract between SABIS® and the Kurdistan Regional Government's Ministry of Education. Contract renewal is based on school and student performance and market demand, among other factors.

Signing of the new three-year contract took place on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at the Ministry of Education in Erbil, the capital city of the autonomous region of Kurdistan in Northern Iraq. In attendance at the signing were ministry officials including Mr. Sherwan Mohammed, the Director of Education in Kalar, and Mr. Kamal Noori, the Director of Education in Suleimaniah, as well as the SABIS® Representative in Kurdistan, Mr. Raed Mahmoud.



Sherwan Mohammed (above left), Raed Mahmoud (middle), and Kamal Noori (right) sign the 3-year renewal

Speaking on behalf of SABIS®, Mahmoud said, *"We are pleased with the contract renewal and see it as a vote of confidence from the Ministry for our operation of these PPP schools. The parents of the over 7,600 students currently enrolled in the SABIS® PPP schools and the long list of families waiting to enroll share this confidence."*

In addition to providing a high-quality, private-standard education to students enrolled, SABIS® PPP schools in Kurdistan play an important role in contributing to the development of a strong, capable teacher workforce in the region. *"The SABIS® PPP project is capacity-building at its finest,"* said Mahmoud.

"Teachers in SABIS® PPP schools are individuals who have a foundation in education. When they join a SABIS® PPP school, however, their ongoing professional development is key. Among other training offered throughout the year, all our PPP teachers take classes in the English language to ensure their own fluency in the language and their position as English experts in the classroom." He continued, *"PPP teachers also attend a one-month summer training academy annually to help them stay on top of the latest developments in curriculum, lesson delivery, and classroom management. As a result of the ongoing training, we are contributing to developing a solid corps of education professionals in the region."*

As in all SABIS® Network schools, the seven SABIS® PPP schools in Kurdistan implement the proven SABIS® Educational System, a comprehensive educational program that helps all students achieve their full potential. The system is backed by 129 years of success and is developed and refined to ensure that it remains relevant to students' needs in a changing world.

For more information about SABIS® PPP schools in Kurdistan, visit <http://kurdistan.sabis.net/>. To view a video about the SABIS® PPP project in Kurdistan, [click here](#).

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