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To,

The Director,

Social Axiom Foundation (Project CACA),

Delhi

Subject: Appreciation for Project CACA – a national school-based child safety and well-being programme for strengthening student safety and well-being across schools nationwide.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) places the highest importance on ensuring that schools remain safe, supportive, and nurturing spaces for every child. In this regard, I would like to place on record my appreciation for Project CACA (Children Against Child Abuse), a structured school-based child safety and well-being programme implemented across India since 2016 by the Social Axiom Foundation, Delhi.

Project CACA represents a pioneering effort towards integrating preventive personal safety education within the school ecosystem through age-appropriate educational material and curriculum. Such initiatives contribute significantly towards equipping students with essential knowledge and life skills, empowering them to protect themselves and develop into resilient, informed, and confident individuals.

The Project's emphasis on sensitisation of students, training of teachers and staff, engagement with parents, formulation of School Child Protection Policy, and collaboration with statutory bodies reflects a comprehensive and holistic approach which strengthens institutional child protection mechanisms. It further enables compliance with relevant policy directives, advisories, and notifications issued by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, and related authorities, and operationalises the objectives of the Whole School Safety Approach under CBSE SQAAP and the awareness generation and capacity building provisions under the POCSO Rules, 2020.

It is commendable that Project CACA has achieved a substantial scale and outreach, with meaningful penetration at the grassroots level through its work with more than 5,000 schools, reaching more than 20 lakh students, their parents, teachers, and staff across 450 districts in 27 States and 5 Union Territories, with over 2.5 lakh stakeholders sensitised through sessions conducted over the years. I also acknowledge and congratulate schools nationwide that have partnered with Project CACA, reflecting a sincere commitment towards building their schools into safe and supportive spaces for their students.

At a time when schools are expected to strengthen not only response mechanisms but also preventive child safety practices, Project CACA offers a structured and impactful framework for strengthening child protection and student well-being in a sustained and meaningful manner.

Such initiatives can help build safer, more sensitive, and more responsible school environments in which children can grow with awareness, dignity, and confidence.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary