

## Grading Rationale

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### **Brickwork Ratings assigns ‘BWR Karnataka ★★★★★ 4 Star’ for the Educational Institution Grading of Martin Luther English School functioning under the aegis of Girinagar Educational Trust.**

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Brickwork Ratings India Pvt Ltd (BWR) has assigned “**BWR Karnataka ★★★★★ 4 Star**” (Pronounced BWR Karnataka Four Star) grade to **Martin Luther English School (MLES)** functioning under the aegis of Girinagar Educational Trust (GET) which indicates that the institute has resources and processes that can deliver Above **Average** quality of education. The grading assigned is valid for one year and is subject to an annual surveillance.

#### **About the Institute**

Girinagar Educational Trust is a trust established in Bengaluru by Dr. C Sunil Kumar in July 1992 with the objective of providing educational services in Karnataka. The trust runs Martin Luther English School (MLES), Bengaluru, affiliated to Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) and Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (ICSE) – ICSE Affiliation No. KA169. MLES is located at 15<sup>th</sup> Main, Nagendra Block, Girinagar, Banashankari 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage, Bengaluru.

#### **Methodology Adopted**

BWR Educational Institution Grade reflects BWR’s current opinion on the quality of education imparted at the institute concerned. BWR has drawn up several qualitative and quantitative parameters, based on its own research and in consultation with various experts in the field of education and in the “user industries”, to make an assessment of an Educational Institution’s standing and capability. BWR has broadly categorized these assessment parameters by various distinct areas viz, Governance Structure, Faculty Profile & Quality, Student Selection Criteria, Infrastructure Setup, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Achievements of Alumni and Financial Strength.

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The grading assigned positively factors the established presence of more than two decades of GET in Girinagar in Bengaluru, MLES’ standing of around two decades, the offering of popular school curricula viz., KSEEB and ICSE which attracts more students and adds stability to the revenue stream, availability of approvals and affiliations from the respective educational Board and Council, good local brand awareness, qualified and dedicated management and faculty and the good results produced by the school every year. BWR notes MLES’ efforts taken to update and revise the course curriculum and facilities on a regular basis, taking due feedback from the respective Board/Council, faculty, students and alumni in order to keep abreast of the curriculum requirements as well as current trends.

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However, the grading is constrained by the competition from other schools in the vicinity, vulnerability to the regulatory risks associated with the education sector, continuous need for capital expenditure for investment in infrastructure facilities and expansion of the building.

Dr. C Sunil Kumar, Managing Trustee, GET, is an educationist with almost three decades of experience and is supported by well qualified and trained faculty. In addition, GET has an Academic Advisory Council comprising experienced industry professionals like Prof. M B Gururaj – Chairman, Peoples Skills India Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru, Dr. Sudha Prasanna, Mr. Satish and Prof. Shivanna K.

GET also runs Martin Luther Public School (MLPS), affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The present infrastructural facilities are adequate to cater to the needs of both the schools. The schools are headed by Dr. Sudha Prasanna, M.Sc, B.Ed, Phd - Principal and supported by experienced and qualified Headmistresses, Coordinators and teachers. The faculty members of the High school sections include PhD holders and several Post Graduates.

Both the schools are well equipped with Physics, Chemistry and Biology laboratories. The School has hi-tech computer laboratory with around 40 terminals. The Auditorium with Audio visual room has a seating capacity of around 200 people. Audio Visual Room helps teachers to enhance and complement teaching with visual representation and is used to conduct seminars, co-curricular activities, workshops and lecture demonstrations for the students and teachers regularly. The Library is well stocked with academic books and journals, fiction & non-fiction and can accommodate 40 students at a time with separate library for Kindergarten.

MLES conducts Smart Class with a tie-up with Edurite – Pearson Education Private Limited. The schools have club activities like the Science Club, Mathematics Club, Language Club, Health Club and the Eco Club that provide students with sufficient opportunities to go beyond the academic curriculum. The curriculum also includes computer education, moral education, physical education, SUPW (Socially Useful Productive Work), personality development, indoor games, yoga, music, dance, theatre, chess, story times, art and craft and karate to cater to the all-round development of the students. The school has tied up with St. Edmund School, England for Student Exchange Programme since 2011. Admissions of students are based on merit and availability of seats.

The ICSE section has achieved 100% results since its inception. Students have participated in various inter school competitions and sports at district and state level and have won several awards. Alumni of the school have performed well and have gone on to study in reputed professional institutions.

All receipts of MLES are booked in GET. The trust, GET, does not receive any donations. Net receipts of the trust have increased from Rs 2.88 Cr in FY 13 to Rs 3.47 Cr in FY 14. Total corpus of the trust stood at Rs1.67 Cr as on March 31, 2014. The trust has low outstanding debt of Rs2.25 Cr on its books.

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