



# THE INDUSTRY LEADER IN PRIVATE SCHOOL SALES

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### Unmatched Expertise In The Private School Sector

MindSpark-Education Management Consultants are a leading mergers and acquisitions (M&A) advisory firm focused exclusively on investments in the private education sector, advising school owners regarding their school's sale. The reason for our success is simple – we understand our clients' expectations and exceed them. Our seasoned team combines decades of experience across a wide range of private school sectors delivering customized services critical to the successful sale, merger, or acquisition. Filling the void in the private education marketplace, we work with private school owners and buyers from across the Pakistan regarding the sale of their for-profit or non-profit educational institution, including:

- K-12 Private Schools
- Boarding High Schools
- Online Schools
- Language Schools
- Career Colleges
- Universities

### **Experience Matters**

We believe our client's interests are paramount. We recognize that no two transactions are alike, and we deliver a customized approach to your education sector and needs. When selling a school, reaching its true value requires careful analysis and a thorough understanding of what drives the business. We utilize proven marketing strategies and local reach to present the school to the right buyers from our list, from direct contact with targeted companies, networking with other professionals, online advertising, social media, email campaigns, and more. We know how to position the school in the best light possible to enhance its value. We will draw upon multiple buyers through our numerous channels to create a competitive purchasing environment for the school.

### **Exhaustive List Of Buyers**

We have built an exhaustive list of qualified pre-screened buyers in our database who are seeking to purchase educational businesses in various markets and school types. These include corporate buyers seeking platforms or add-on acquisitions, high net-worth individuals, private equity firms, family offices, and other qualified investors interested in acquiring private schools. If you consider buying or selling a school, we are committed to the highest level of service and confidentiality.



### PROVEN TRACK RECORD ADVISING ON PRIVATE SCHOOL SALES

### Count On Our Expert Advice

Our clients have the peace of mind knowing that they will receive the best price and terms once their transaction is complete. Our team has a proven track record supporting school owners to find qualified buyers and assist them with their school's sale. From preliminary valuation advice to negotiation and closing, we leverage our transactional and advisory experience to make our clients' aspirations a reality. Our team converts an owner's hard-earned business equity into cash and realizing their objective. Our process is handled with the strictest confidentiality and minimum intrusion to the school's operation.

We work with a range of online and on-ground for-profit and non-profit schools in Pakistan and the Middle East.. These range from K-12 private schools (e.g., prep, special needs, Montessori), boarding high schools, and ESL schools, to private career colleges, universities, and other education-sector businesses.

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### Closing The Deal

We handle all of the heavy lifting, advising school owners through the transaction's challenges and coordinating with ownership's professional team throughout the process, maximizing the school's value to achieve the highest price and terms. Our veteran team manages every aspect of the transaction process so ownership can stay focused on day-to-day operations.

#### We focus on:

QUALIFIED BUYERS We find the right buyer for your school through our exhaustive and qualified list.

TURN-KEY SERVICES We take the lead regarding your school's sale from valuation to closing the deal.

MAXIMUM VALUE Our industry-leading knowledge provides you with the highest selling price and best terms possible.

CONFIDENTIAL Our approach is handled with the strictest of confidentiality and minimum intrusion in your school's operation.

We are confident that we will find the right solution for the successful sale of your school. Contact us today for our free valuation and 30-minute one-on-one consultation.



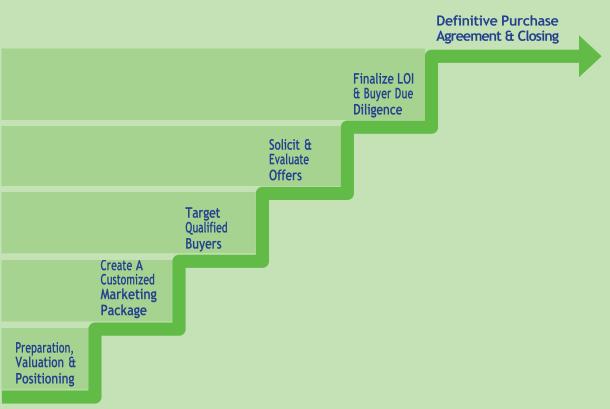
## COMPREHENSIVE MERGERS ACQUISITIONS SERVICES (M(A)

#### You Do Not Need To Go It Alone

We advise our clients through the entire process, including a suggested market-based selling price, confidential marketing, buyer screening, advising on terms, and closing. Our objective is to provide our clients with experienced advice and industry knowledge to maximize their transaction's success. Our personalized M&A services include preliminary market analysis, a custom-tailored marketing plan highlighting the school's unique value-points, introduction to pre-screened prospective buyers from our list, analysis of offers, and advice on preparing the offer sheet with the client's professional team to complete the transaction.

### **Road Map To Success**

We invest the time and resources to understand your opportunity to ensure that a clear game plan is developed. In most circumstances, our time-tested process will include a site visit to develop an objective assessment of the school based on our in-depth industry knowledge. The relationship with our client will be conducted with complete confidentiality, commitment, and high ethical standards. This confidentiality means that the school's value can be tested against a range of offers, assuring that ownership receives offers with maximum value. Provided below is an overview of MindSpark process.





### MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF YOUR SCHOOL

### Earning Everything Your School is Worth

This is an essential question for every school owner that is considering the sale of their institution. What is your school worth? Determining a school's value is a complex process — part science, part art. Complicating matters is the fact that many owners may have an overly optimistic view of how much their business is worth. Multiple factors come into play to assess the school's sellability and market value. Many of today's buyers are investors, equity firms, family offices, or school operators looking for opportunities to invest in or expand their portfolio. They may be strategic or financial buyers with different needs and drivers for business value. Our breadth of experience in the private school market will ensure maximum value is achieved.

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### **Capturing Your True Value**

You will not find a simple calculator or formula to determine the economic worth of your business. The basic answer to the question, "How do I value my school?" is based on various factors within your business' finances and fixed assets.

There are multiple rule-of-thumb approaches to value a school, but they may not be consistent or the most accurate in your circumstances. If the school sells at a value estimated by a rule-of-thumb method that is too low, you will be giving up money. If the school is marketed at too high a price, the school will not sell unless it sells for just the value of the fixed assets. School businesses in financial trouble will frequently sell for just the value of their fixed assets or debt and no goodwill.

Bear in mind that the proposed asking price is just a guideline for how to approach negotiations in the sale. Owners need to go beyond just financial formulas and not just base the assessment of the business's value on number crunching. The final transaction price is often different and influenced by many factors — the owner's eagerness to sell, the buyer's strategic interests or expected synergies, available financing, due diligence, program type, reputation, competition, location, liabilities, accreditation, supply, and demand, financial/enrollment performance, and difficulty of entry into the market due to high start-up costs and regulatory conditions.



### TARGETING THE RIGHT BUYER

### Attracting The Right Buyer For Your School

Finding the right buyer is the key to success. We will leverage our pool of prescreened buyers comprised of individual investors, operators, private equity, and family offices actively looking to acquire a private school. We continually attract new buyers to our database that are financially and operationally capable of purchasing a school. Moreover, buyers trust us to find the right investment for them. Let our experts help you navigate available schools, review, refine your search criteria, and help make your investment pay off in the long term.

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#### **Rewarding Financial Outcome**

We have extensive experience advising family-owned businesses, portfolio companies of private equity firms, and large corporate parent divisions regarding their private school's sale. There is an ideal buyer for every school. Moreover, there is the right school for every buyer. Choosing the right strategy to reach them is critical. Our team puts together a wide-ranging marketing plan, leveraging our extensive operating expertise and knowledge of the education sector. Once prospective buyers are short-listed, we appraise their offer and advise ownership along with their professional team in making the right choice.

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# THE MINDSPARK ADVANTAGE

### **Increased Opportunity For Success**

Selling a school is one of the most critical financial events in an owner's life, which is why they need an experienced M&A advisory they can trust. Guided by integrity and professionalism, our team understands the complexities of selling a school and provides a road map to success. We know and breathe schools and understand the private school sector and how it ticks. Moreover, when we work with ownership, we leverage our knowledge of the fundamentals of school operations and finances and current knowledge of its potential market value.

What differentiates us is our team's experience in the education market, maximizing value, reducing risks, and enhancing market value. We have the deepest pool of qualified global buyers interested in the private school sector. We customize our services every step of the way, from valuation analysis to a list of pre-screened prospective buyers, to the streamlined transaction process. We are in the owner's corner every step of the way, always keeping their best interests front and center and keeping the finish line in our sight.

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#### Exclusive Focus In The Private School Sector

Our focus rests exclusively in the private school sector. We are recognized as industry experts with exhaustive knowledge and transaction experience in the private education market, successfully advising with the sale of countless private schools. Having done business in every imaginable economic cycle, we provide constructive and practical strategies to achieve ownership's financial goals.





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