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Strengthening Educational Ties: United States and Algeria Sign Agreement to create an American School

On December 29, the Algerian Ambassador to the United States, Madjid Bouguerra, and the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Anne W. Patterson, signed in Washington, D.C., an agreement to create an American International School in Algiers.

Since the second session of the U.S.-Algeria Strategic Dialogue in April 2014, when Secretary John Kerry and Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra first announced the intent to open an American International School in Algiers, the U.S. and Algerian governments consistently have worked toward an agreement to establish such a school. Today's signing is concrete evidence of the two countries' commitment to strengthening the bonds between the Algerian and American people and to broadening cooperation in the field of education. The school will serve as a place for mutual dialogue and understanding, where students and teachers can share their cultures and experiences.

Following the signing ceremony, Assistant Secretary Patterson expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the Algerian government over the last two years to make this agreement possible. She affirmed that the United States is proud to be Algeria's partner in this important new initiative and looks forward to continuing our cooperation as our governments implement the accord.

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