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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS' COMMUNITY

Dear Sir,
Dear Madam,

Subject: Recent decisions of the Board of Governors linked to the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to impact the teaching and learning at the European Schools in the coming weeks and months ahead of us.

At the beginning of the school year we had informed you about the measures agreed by the Board of Governors in an extraordinary meeting on 31 August 2020.

The necessary budget to finance these measures linked to distance teaching and learning, the improvement of the IT infrastructure in the schools and to Educational Support in the current semester were approved by the Board in another extraordinary meeting on 20 October 2020.

This week, the Board of Governors took important decisions with respect to the European Baccalaureate session 2021 and to support potential distance teaching and learning in the coming weeks.

Based on proposals submitted by the Task Force 'Preparation of the 2021 BAC session' the Board of Governors agreed on 'Guidelines on the Organisation of the European Baccalaureate session 2021'.

Our main aim will be, to organise the Pre BAC as well as the written and oral BAC examinations in all European Schools and all Accredited European Schools 'in situ'. However, the system is prepared for a potential scenario where at least in some schools not all examinations can be organised 'on site'.

The mentioned Guidelines address different potential scenarios and will enable the Chairman of the Baccalaureate to take the necessary decisions in close consultation with the organs of the European Schools in time and in a transparent manner.

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The Guidelines together with the necessary amendments of the 'Arrangements for Implementing the Regulations for the European Baccalaureate (Applicable for the Year 2021 European Baccalaureate session)' will be published on the website of the European Schools in line with the rules of procedure of the Board of Governors.

In addition, the schools have received further guidance with respect to 'alternative tasks' which might have to be performed by students in S 7 in case the Pre Bac exams could not be carried out 'in situ'.

It is worth to mention, that the Task Force 'Preparation of the 2021 BAC session' will continue its work and closely monitor future developments at the different schools and support the Chairman of the Baccalaureate Session 2021.

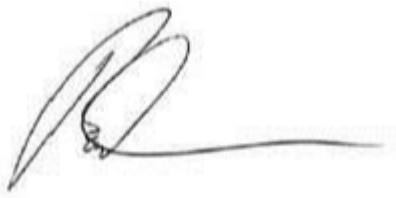
Besides these specific measures linked to the organisation of the European Baccalaureate session 2021, the Board of Governors has approved a 'Policy on Distance Teaching and Learning' which establishes a clear and binding policy and will guide the schools in the coming months.

Moreover, the Board of Governors approved an amending Budget for the year 2021 which will provide the schools with the necessary means to continue distance teaching and learning where necessary in the second semester of the 2020/21 school year.

Finally, we would like to seize this opportunity to thank again all members of the community of the European Schools for their engagement and remarkable commitment in these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,





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