

April 2, 2020

Subject: COVID-19 ISK Update #11 - Learning Continues

Dear ISK Community,

I hope that this message finds you healthy and safe. We understand this is an uncertain time for everyone. We want you to know we are here to support you and your family in the weeks ahead.

This is the end of our second week of virtual instruction and online learning, which allows students to continue their studies without interruption. Our approach to online learning also aims to facilitate social/physical distancing to control community spread of COVID-19 and to flatten the curve in Kenya. We acknowledge that the abrupt shift to an online learning approach may be a new and stressful experience for members of our community. As a school, we encourage regular communication with your child's teacher or divisional principal should you have questions on ISK's approach to virtual instruction and online learning. We also want to acknowledge all the positive feedback we have received from parents and students. Thank you.

## **Learning Continues At ISK**

ISK is committed to providing ongoing learning and meaningful educational engagement for our students. We are following our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) plan, ensuring that high quality learning experiences continue in a virtual manner. Part of this plan includes offering synchronous and asynchronous opportunities for student learning, supporting meaningful interaction for students of all ages, and in varied locations around the world. Currently, almost 80% of our students are in Kenya, and 20% of our students are working with our teachers and accessing the curriculum from outside Kenya.

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As communicated in our last message, we have shifted the date for resuming on-campus learning to May 4th. While learning will continue online, the ISK Campus will, therefore, remain closed from now until at least May 4th. The school will be reevaluating this date as the situation progresses.

## **AGM Postponed - E-Voting Starts April 8**

Please note that the Annual General Meeting scheduled for April 22nd has been postponed. Stay tuned for details on a possible new date in May.

There are two School Board positions that are open this spring. Be sure to view the <u>Board Candidate Bios</u> to learn about community members who have volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors. E-voting will commence on April 8th with a specific email to parents.

As the world navigates this unprecedented health crisis, ISK educators and students are learning to adapt and move forward. We are on this journey together.

Wishing you well,

David G. Henry

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