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ISL Students Are Back To School

1350 students aged 3 to 18 headed back to the International School of Luxembourg (ISL) last week. Some students were excited, others anxious, but smiles were very present and even face masks could not hide children's happiness to meet their friends again. In the buildings, a discerning eye could notice a few adaptations, including the Lower School atrium, renovated during the Summer to welcome parents, respecting sanitary measures. Other adjustments to the Covid situation are less visible, such as the transition of student assemblies to a digital format in order to limit gatherings.

This school year marks an important landmark for the International School of Luxembourg, which will operate under the new leadership of David J. (DJ) Condon, PhD. "The beginning of a new school year provides us all with a welcome rite of renewal.", Condon said, before adding, "Indeed, for students, educators and parents alike, the first day of school is a day to count our blessings, even in these challenging times. While we all would have preferred Covid to no longer be an issue, the fact is we are going to have to continue to monitor the situation very closely. Please be assured that the highest priority of the school is to ensure the health and safety of all those in our community."

DJ Condon has extensive international teaching and leadership experience and describes himself as a world citizen. His personal vision statement, formulated nearly 20 years ago reads: "My school will be known as a premier international school learning community devoted to innovation, excellence, and the transformative growth of all its members." He succeeds Nicki Crush who previously held the Director position and retired at the end of last school year after 26 years at ISL.

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