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*International Baccalaureate World Schools*  
*Primary Years, Middle Years, and Diploma Programmes*

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Dear SCIS Seniors and Families,

Attached is a letter from the head of IB announcing the cancellation of the Spring 2020 exams worldwide. (Please take a moment to read this attached letter).

It is a very sad moment for us to bring you this news. The diligent work of your families, teachers, and staff to prepare you for this moment has been great. We recognize that preparation to sit for these exams goes back many years, even before you began Kindergarten. We truly believe that IB exams are a significant opportunity and milestone that give each of you, our students, a significant head start in your pursuit of post-secondary education. Over the past nine years we have seen the consistent quality of students from Stockton Collegiate and the lives they have built for themselves and families. We are proud of all of our graduates.

While the tests are significant, as the letter states all students will receive a certificate appropriate to their work and accomplishments as juniors and seniors. I am certain universities and colleges will place value on them as incoming freshman in your chosen universities. I believe almost every student this year has been accepted to a four-year school and it is imperative in this age that you take advantage of every opportunity provided to prepare for life in your future. The world, our country, and our communities depend on an educated work force to provide for the common good and for appropriate civil engagement.

On another topic, we are expecting guidance from the California Department of Education on seniors, graduation, credits, and grades sometime this week and we will share what we know when we hear from them.

I know this is a trying time, but all will work out in the final analysis.

With Warm Regards,

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Head of School

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To our IB Students and Families,

The International Baccalaureate Organization has announced that the May examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme will not be held this year due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

As an organization, it is critical for the IB to ensure that the options it provides its global community of IB World Schools are based on compassion and fairness for the difficult circumstances that its students and educators are experiencing. As a result, based on considerable advice from stakeholders across the globe, including schools, students, universities and official bodies, the IB has determined what it believes to be the most responsible and ethical way forward.

The May 2020 examinations as scheduled between 30 April and 22 May for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme candidates will no longer be held.

Depending on what they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor and quality control already built into the programmes.

We know parents and student will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with us and on their website by 27 March 2020.

For any other questions, please contact Manuel Aguilar, DP Coordinator at [manuel.aguilar@scisk12.org](mailto:manuel.aguilar@scisk12.org)

Thank you and stay well.