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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

To: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

Date: April 14, 2010

Subject: International Baccalaureate (IB) Implementation Status and 2010 IB  
Conference of the Americas Invitation to IB Community Conversation Session

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to update the Mayor and Commissioners on the status of the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program pursuant to the City of Miami Beach Education Compact agreed to on January 16, 2008, and to invite you to the City sponsored IB Community Conversation Session on July 14, part of the 2010 IB Conference.

One of the initiatives of the education compact is to implement the International Baccalaureate program throughout all Miami Beach public schools. As of April 2010, Miami Beach Senior High School became the first IB authorized school in Miami Beach. As a result of this authorization, Miami Beach Senior High School may offer the IB Diploma Program starting in Fall 2010 and refer to itself as an IB World School (see attached). Dr. Rosann Sidener, principal, and staff are to be commended on this significant accomplishment.

We continue to support our public elementary, middle, and K-8 Center, currently International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate schools. Both the City and the schools are moving forward with the IB process and working together towards becoming IB authorized. The Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) personnel have requested a continuation of candidate status for the Primary Years Program (Grade K through 5) for three of our elementary schools (Fienberg-Fisher K-8, Biscayne Elementary, and Treasure Island Elementary), resulting in submission of the second application in June 2011. Two of our elementary schools (South Point Elementary and North Beach Elementary) will submit the second application in June 2010 for the Primary Years Program, with an expected authorization visit in Fall 2010.

We have been meeting with M-DCPS personnel to discuss the submission of the second application for the five-year Middle Years Program (MYP - grades 6-10). M-DCPS personnel have request to submit the application in June 2011, with an authorization visit in Fall 2011. The Continuation of Candidacy Declaration will be extended for one additional year to allow for further development of the five-year MYP. This will ensure our youth have access to the IB at every grade level within our City.

The City, in partnership with IB, will offer an IB Community Conversation Session on July 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Convention Center Hall B to allow our community access to IB experts from around the world at no cost. Please RSVP with my office by contacting Dolores Mejia, Special Projects Administrator, via email at [dmejia@miamibeachfl.gov](mailto:dmejia@miamibeachfl.gov) or at extension 6834.

The program will provide the following:

- Overview of the IB from one of the IBO leaders
- Question and Answer session for the community participants
- Breakout sample lessons for the Primary Year Program (PYP Grades K-5), Middle Years Program (MYP Grades 6-10) and Diploma Program (Grades 11-12) facilitated by an IB manager or master teacher in both English and Spanish.

The 2010 IB Conference of the Americas, from July 14-18, 2010, at the Fontainebleau will welcome over 1,500 members of the worldwide IB community to participate. The 2010 IB Americas conference will bring together IB coordinators, teachers, administrators, counselors, school district officials, and school board members, ministers of education, researchers, and university representatives. This is the one time each year that the entire IB community comes together; which provides a unique opportunity for collaboration among educators. The City of Miami Beach is honored to host this conference, and we are excited to provide the educators in our region the unique opportunity to share lessons learned with their peers from around the world, so close to home.

We have made excellent progress to date in the implementation of this important initiative and anticipate healthy discussion opportunities with City schools as we strive to meet the educational needs of our children. This initiative allows teachers to create a continuum of access and excellence in education, giving students the tools they need to succeed academically at an early age. Implementation of the IB citywide allows schools the flexibility to take advantage of the richness of their student base and the learning opportunities available within our City. Information is available on our City's website on the Education Tab.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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**IBIS Number 003967-3967**

Miami Beach Senior High School  
2231 Prairie Avenue  
Miami Beach, FL 33139  
USA

3/30/2010

Dear Dr. Rosann Sidener,

I am pleased to inform you that your school has been authorized to teach the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme starting Fall 2010. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on this significant accomplishment and welcome you to our growing IB community.

Your school has been assigned the IBIS number written at the top of this page (003967) and another number [ 3967 ] to log into IBNET. You will need to use both for a few months after which only the IBIS number will be necessary. It would assist us if you would quote both numbers in future correspondence with any IB office.

Please note the assigned currency for your school is the US dollar and we ask you to pay all future IB invoices in that currency.

We note that you have appointed Mr. Andrew Weiss as the Diploma Programme coordinator. All queries and requests for information should be channelled through your coordinator who is the intermediary between the IB Organization and the school community. It is the coordinator's responsibility to ensure that messages, correspondence and documents from the IB are passed on in a timely manner to the appropriate persons in the school community, including yourself. Programme-related information is accessed on the OCC via your coordinator and teachers, while school administration-related information is sent directly to the head of school.

I would like to draw your attention to a very important document entitled *General regulations: Diploma Programme*. This can be found on the IB website (<http://www.ibo.org/diploma/become/>) and you have an obligation to share this document with students, parents and legal guardians. We also encourage you to quote this link in any communications you create about the IB programme in your school.

The coordinator should contact OCC support at [occ@ibo.org](mailto:occ@ibo.org) to request that the OCC accounts for your candidate school code are transferred to your IBNET school code. Once this has been done your coordinator will be able to manage your school's OCC accounts on IBNET: This is a password-protected site that provides essential support for coordinators and teachers delivering any of the IB programmes. You can download curriculum materials from the online curriculum centre or purchase them from the IB store. You can visit the online IB store at <http://store.ibo.org> for further information.

As part of your annual fee you will receive *IB World*, a magazine that provides information on a wide range of activities happening around the IB community. Please follow this link

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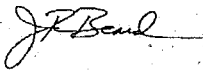
<http://www.ibo.org/heads/documents/HSACConstitution-Dec07.pdf> to the constitution of the Heads Standing Association to which all heads of IB World Schools automatically belong.

As a result of this authorization you may now refer to your school as an IB World School. However, we kindly ask you to refer to the document *Rules and Policy for Use of the Intellectual Property of the IB Organization* published in September 2007 (<http://www.ibo.org/copyright/>) and would like to draw your attention to the "Trademarks" section where it states that the terms "IB World School", "IB", "International Baccalaureate" or any combination are not to be incorporated in a school name. Details about the IB visual identity and logo usage will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

If you have any further questions please refer to the *Handbook of procedures for the Diploma Programme*, or contact the coordinator help desk ([help@ibo.org](mailto:help@ibo.org)) or your regional office.

We look forward to working with you in the future and, again, warmly welcome you to the IB community.

Yours sincerely,



Jeffrey R Beard  
Director General

cc: Drew Deutsch, director, IB Americas  
Tim Sullivan, IB Cardiff  
Jennifer Wareham, IB Cardiff



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Dear Dr. Rosann Sidener,

We are pleased to enclose here an official certificate, property of the International Baccalaureate Organization, indicating that your school is authorized to offer the IB Diploma Programme. We welcome you to our growing family of teachers and students around the world and look forward to many years of productive partnership.

Yours sincerely,

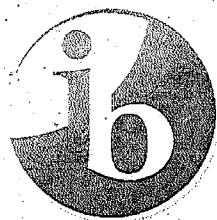
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**Miami Beach Senior High School**

*Jeffrey Beard · Director General · Geneva  
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30 March 2010

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**Diploma Programme**

*of the International Baccalaureate and to present  
candidates for examination*

*est autorisé à offrir le*

**Programme du diplôme**

*du Baccalauréat International et à présenter des  
candidats à l'examen*

*está autorizado a ofrecer el*

**Programa del Diploma**

*del Bachillerato Internacional y a presentar  
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