

March 23, 2020

To our IB Students and Families,

The International Baccalaureate Organization has announced that the May examinations for the International Baccalaureate Diploma 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.

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 students will have many questions. The IB will share full details and FAQs with us and on their website by March 27, 2020, and we will communicate with you in the coming week regarding what this means for Luther IB students in terms of coursework, grades and university applications.

Even though our grade 12 Luther students in the IB program will not write their IB exams, their teachers, as allowable by government directives, will continue to support them in their learning as they prepare themselves for university.

We remind you that decisions regarding IB final exams and IB final assessments are made by the IB organization itself and therefore beyond the school's scope or control.

For any other questions, please contact IB Coordinator, Derek Frostad ([derek.frostad@luthercollege.edu](mailto:derek.frostad@luthercollege.edu)) or Academic Vice Principal, Renee Wilkinson ([renee.wilkinson@luthercollege.edu](mailto:renee.wilkinson@luthercollege.edu)).

Thank you and stay well.

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