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Dear ISC Community:

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday break and we wish everyone a happy, healthy, and enriching new year. We look forward to a fruitful and fun 2012.

As you know, these ISC Board Bulletins are intended to provide information regarding only the operational and management developments at ISC. Other information regarding curriculum, sports, after-school activities and other news related to our daily academic programs is provided through assemblies, school newsletters, emails and other correspondence from our faculty and staff. These Board Bulletins are designed to be concise, highlighting only key matters.

- We are very pleased to announce that ISC has just received its accreditation from the Council of International Schools (CIS). This is the culmination of years of effort to ensure that ISC meets the highest standards of education in the world and is recognized as a certified international academic institution. We are grateful for all of the hard work of our staff, our students, our administrators and our entire community in making this dream come true.
- We also are working towards recertification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) in 2013, which we must do periodically, so that we not only meet worldwide standards, but continue to meet the very specific educational standards of the United States.
- As indicated during the last academic year, ISC made substantial efforts to adopt fiscally conservative budgeting and spending procedures in order to keep ISC as one of the most efficiently run international schools anywhere. We are proud that these procedures allow us to deliver more and better resources to our students per tuition dollar received. This was one of our accomplishments that helped us achieve the CIS accreditation. Per our budget, we anticipate a tuition increase for academic year 2012-13 of 5%, which is 1% less than the increase for the current academic year and lower than the average tuition increase for other private international schools. As a non-profit institution, we aim to increase tuition only when needed to cover our rising costs of operation.
- We have reduced some of the other fees related to attending ISC to help offset some of the tuition increase. In particular, the re-enrollment fee now is NAF 2000 (reduced by NAF 500) and all other academic fees have been

- eliminated, except for a minor PTA fee (NAF 50 per year), and for high school students only, IB and foreign language fees. ([click here](#))
- We have set up a “501c3” charity in the United States called ISC Educational Charities, Inc. for the purpose of providing a vehicle for those of you who are subject to U.S. tax jurisdiction and wish to be able to donate funds to ISC in a tax-deductible manner. We encourage you to use this new entity for all of your extra support to ISC. As always, we are thankful for your help.

Additional information regarding ISC’s Strategic Plan and Quantifiable Objectives is available on our website at:

http://www.edline.net/pages/Intl_School_of_Curacao/About_Us/Strategic_Plan

Of course, all of our operational and management processes are governed by ISC’s core vision, mission and beliefs, which are also stated in our website.

We always welcome dialogue about any aspect of ISC and its happenings, so we encourage you to contact the administration (elhagem@isc.an) if you want more detailed information or just have some useful feedback for us. Naturally, you are also always welcome to stop by the school and discuss any issues with our faculty or administration.

We hope that these brief highlights are informative and helpful to you. As a non-profit school, our primary motivation is always to achieve our vision of “providing an international education today for the global citizens of tomorrow.” We look forward to a wonderful 2012 and hope to see you at ISC soon.

Sincerely yours,

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