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Dear Educators,

The International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum is gaining national attention as a rigorous educational program that guides students toward critical thinking, international understanding and respect for all cultures. The IB is a liberal arts curriculum whose graduates can attain the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which is recognized as a hallmark of educational excellence by the finest universities worldwide. This curriculum is taught in public and private schools across the world, and is overseen by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). For more detail, visit the website, www.ibo.org.

This letter is an invitation to you and your colleagues to attend an **IB Orientation Workshop** so that you can learn the basics of this excellent and growing curriculum. Sessions will include a general overview of the IB, followed by breakout sessions for the Primary Years Program (PYP), Middle Years Program (MYP) and the Diploma Program (DP). We are also offering a breakout session for administrators who face the fiscal and emotional challenges of initiating this program. Featured speakers will include Mr. Bert Okma, Principal Emeritus of International Academy, Mrs. Lynne Nagy, Principal of International Academy, Ms. Mary L. Hillberry, Principal of Lone Pine Elementary School, and the MYP IB Coordinator for Bloomfield Hills Schools, Ms. Jean Ramseyer (emeritus) and Heidi Kattula, Principal of West Hills Middle School.

This program is sponsored by the International Academy, a high school consistently ranked in the top public schools in the United States by Newsweek Magazine. The International Academy has demonstrated educational excellence through the implementation of the IB curriculum, and is acting to expand the awareness of the IB program.

The **IB Orientation Workshop** will take place on Saturday, November 7 at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Registration commences at 8:30 am and the workshop will conclude at 3:00 pm. Please return the enclosed application no later than October 23. Payment can be made by check, purchase order or money order. Payments should be made payable to Bloomfield Hills Schools. We are unable to accept credit cards. Travel information can be found at www.international-center.org.

Any questions on this exciting program can be directed to Ms. Jennifer Van Dusen at (248) 341-5941 or jvandusen@bloomfield.org.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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