



September 21, 2018

Dear Fellow Parents and Guardians,

On **December 3rd** we will vote to fill a vacant seat on the VIS Board of Governors. Every family has one vote and this particular election is extremely important because the new Board member will ultimately influence the long-term financial sustainability of the School, in particular the annual tuition and the development of the School's physical facilities and services. No doubt, you and your children will be effected as will all the families who join us for decades to come.

While every election to the Board is important, this one stands out because of a few very pressing needs. Among these, the most important are:

1. Impending changes to school access due to the massive construction site at the school's door;
2. Long term financial planning to develop the School's real estate and facilities;
3. Deeper government and commercial relationships in Austria;

The first is as much a matter of our children's safety as it is our convenience. The second is essential to setting annual charges and developing or reducing physical facilities (including playgrounds and activity areas) as well as educational services for our children. The third effects our School's special status and its ability to guarantee a world-class education.

In the coming weeks, the Electoral Committee will send you information about the candidates standing for the open board position, provide a summary of their positions in a comparable and readable manner, and try to facilitate opportunities for you to meet and question them directly.

Most importantly, we need you to set aside **December 3, 2018** in your busy calendars. December 3rd is the date of our General Assembly meeting in the William Kirk Theatre. Please reserve at least an hour starting at 18:30 (refreshments and registration for GA starting at 6.00 p.m.)

Our community needs your vote!

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