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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Student School Supplies 2019-2020

Recently, teachers have noticed they are sending home more unused supplies than in previous years and finding students don't always have access to the specific supplies that each teacher prefers to use. For example, some teachers would like each student to have a personal whiteboard or a specific set of paints while others won't use them, yet all families are purchasing from identical lists.

In an attempt to reduce waste and eliminate the need to send home unused supplies and maximize the money spent, the staff decided to start a "trial" where each teacher will produce a specific division list in September of needed supplies, and each family contributes fees for the school to order in bulk. We discussed the potential individual cost of bulk supply lists with "School Start" (supplier) and came up with a fee of \$65 per student.

Come September, once enrollment numbers stabilize and teaching assignments are solidified, each teacher will distribute a specific supply list for their division. Families may either submit fees to the school to order bulk supplies (through School Start), or purchase on their own from the classroom supply list.

Families have 2 options when purchasing student supplies:

Option #1

The School purchases bulk supplies from "School Start" - Cost \$65 per student submitted to the school office in June or during the first week of September.

- A classroom list of supplies is distributed to families in September indicating which items will be *purchased by the school in bulk*.

Option #2

Families purchase student supplies from *their* preferred retailer using the classroom supply list distributed in September (once classes are set).

- A classroom list of supplies is distributed to families in September indicating which items will be required.
- It is encouraged that families reuse supplies if they have them on hand.

Note: The Primary and Intermediate student supply lists currently on the website are lists that some teachers may choose to use in September. Keep in mind, if you purchase supplies from the lists posted, teachers may ask for additional items in the fall, and return unused items to families due to teacher preference (ex: duotangs vs. folders vs. notebooks vs. binders).