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Letter from the Head of School

Dear Parents,

This past week has been a confronting time for international communities around the world. Events in the Ukraine have raised uncertainties for our students and caused questions when they have been exposed to images which are contrary to the peaceful world that we promote. As an international school, we have friends and families from affected countries. Our students' well-being is our priority.

On behalf of ISGR, I want to affirm that we stand for peaceful solutions. Challenging times, like these, call us all to reflect on the values that our ISGR community holds. One of our most important values is to “nurture our school community with care and respect”. We do this by reaching out to all members of our community.

At school, our teachers guide students to learn through reliable sources. Teachers are also discussing the conflict in terms of the concepts of regimes, the role of governments and global responsibilities as opposed to individuals or citizens. I encourage all staff, parents and guardians to continue these discussions with the younger members of our community. Together we can help answer any questions or concerns our students may have. The school also provides direct support to students through our well-established Student Health team and Well-being Plan.

Some students or families may need additional emotional or other support due to this situation. If you have concerns or know of someone in need, please reach out to your child's teacher or your divisional principal:

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We are keeping all of those directly impacted by this situation in our hearts, while we continue to support one another in our own community. We must continue to hold our values strongly and continue making local and global connections that create a more peaceful world.

Kind regards,

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