

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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Dear IB Coordinators,

An important, heartfelt message was sent by IBO Director General Siva Kumari yesterday. Below is a summary of the information shared, which is very important. Please share with district leaders as a part of your ongoing communication strategies during this time. Thank you for all you are doing for our students. Please contact me with any questions or concerns as we work through this together - [Beth Cross](#), NCDPI State Consultant, Advanced Learning and Gifted Education

## from Siva Kumari, Director General:

The IB will be taking the following actions for the 2020 May Examination session:

- The May 2020 examinations, as scheduled between 30 April and 22 May, for Diploma Programme and Career-related Programme students will no longer be held.
- Depending on what they registered for, the student will be awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflects their standard of work. This is based on student's coursework and the established assessment expertise, rigor, and quality control already built into the programmes.
- Full details and FAQs will be sent to you by 27 March 2020 (CET).

A letter has also been provided for you to use when communicating with your school community including parents. See attachment, below.

Many of you have students studying the Middle Years Programme who are preparing for the eAssessment examinations due to be held 11-22 May. We will provide you with a decision and further information about MYP next week. We know that you, your students and their parents, will have many questions and we will continue to be available to answer questions at [support@ibo.org](mailto:support@ibo.org)

Our goal continues to be to find ways to support you during these uncertain times and provide the best possible outcomes for our students. This will continue to be a time of great anxiety for us all. We will do everything we can to support our school communities as we navigate these challenges together. -Siva Kumari, Director General

## from Laura Lane, IB World Schools Manager for NC:

While there are still more details forthcoming *no later than 27 March*, this does provide your schools with some direction for the remainder of the school year. The completion/submission of internal assessments as soon as possible, but no later than the extended deadline, is important.

All of the questions you and your schools have sent, and will continue to send, are being considered. We have also anticipated questions that we will be asked, such as questions around the finances associated with exams. The goal is to update the [Covid-19 FAQ site](#) with answers to these questions as quickly as we can. Please continue to send your questions and check the site. I would be very appreciative for consolidated emails from you all with questions from all schools.

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