

Fwd: Elèves Sans Frontières course

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Dear Mr. Dupain,

I am writing to you about the distance education course "Elèves Sans Frontières" my daughter is enrolled in. She completed the first half of the course in grade 10 at Jules Verne, and is currently entering grade 11.

The students were 14 and 15 at the time they enrolled in "Yaakaar"; the course was presented primarily as an opportunity to go to Senegal to participate in the Yaakaar program, and the students were willing to take on a heavy load to make it happen: this course entails about 60 hours of course work, 180 hours of fundraising (assuming the kids can get minimum wage for their efforts, which is a challenge), four full weekends away (at Ecole Les Pionniers), plus the two weeks of spring break in 2017. Due to the enormous amount of additional time the course consumes, it was a major factor in my daughter's decision to not take IB.

There has been a total lack of communication in regards to the primary focal point of the course: the humanitarian aid trip that is coming up in March. From what I understand, the trip to Senegal is off, and the students were waiting to hear about the alternate destination, which was to have been announced by the end of last April. Nothing was communicated to students nor parents. There was a deadline for another (fundraising) payment a few months ago, which many kids ignored, and there was no reaction or communication back from the CSF regarding the missed payment, which makes me wonder about the fate of the trip.

With the students' imminent return to school and the ongoing huge fundraising effort required, we need to know:

What is the current status of the humanitarian trip? Who is in charge of deciding on the location? Will the students and/or parents be involved in this decision? If the students want to pull out of the course due to changes in the program, will the deposit and the amount fundraised to date be refunded?

From what I understand, Mr. Christian Coté is no longer director of the distance education program, so I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,