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Dear Educators,

The International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum is gaining national attention as a rigorous educational program that guides students toward critical thinking, international understanding and respect for all cultures. The IB is a liberal arts curriculum whose graduates can attain the International Baccalaureate Diploma, which is recognized as a hallmark of educational excellence by the finest universities worldwide. This curriculum is taught in public and private schools across the world, and is overseen by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). For more detail, visit the website, www.ibo.org.

This letter is an invitation to you and your colleagues to attend an **IB Orientation Workshop** so that you can learn the basics of this excellent and growing curriculum. Sessions will include a general overview of the IB, the role of the IB Coordinator, and there will be breakout sessions for the Primary Years Program (PYP), Middle Years Program (MYP) and the Diploma Program (IB). Speakers will include Mr. Bert Okma, principal of International Academy, Ms. Suzanne Knowlton, Regional Consultant, IBNA, Ms. Mary L. McCuen, Principal of Lone Pine Elementary School, and the MYP IB Coordinators for Bloomfield Hills Schools, Ms. Jean Ramseyer and Mr. Jason Rubel.

This program is sponsored by the International Academy, a high school consistently ranked in the top ten public schools in the United States by Newsweek Magazine. The International Academy has demonstrated educational excellence through the implementation of the IB curriculum, and is acting to expand the awareness of the IB program.

The **IB Orientation Workshop** will take place on Saturday, October 14, at the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Registration commences at 8:30 am and the workshop will conclude at 3:30 pm. Please return the enclosed application no later than October 4. Payment can be made by check, PO or money order. We are unable to accept charge cards. Travel information can be found at www.international-center.org.

Any questions on this exciting program can be directed to Ms. Jennifer Van Dusen at (248) 341-5941 or jvandusen@bloomfield.org.

We look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

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