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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Thursday, 11 March 2021

Assalamualaikum

We have finally received a letter from the NSW Minister of Education to advise us of her decision in relation to a penalty she intends to impose on the School. This follows her finding that the School operated for profit in 2014 and 2015 under a previous administration.

The Minister has stated that she intends to recover \$11,065,584.69 from the School over a five-year period by reducing the amount of money the NSW State Government regularly pays to the School.

This decision will not have any impact on the money paid to the School by the Australian Federal Government, which is the major source of our public funding.

While disappointed that the Minister chose this course of action when other options were put to her, at least we now know the 'worst case' situation and can plan accordingly. Being aware that this decision was a possibility the Board is in a position to adjust its plans and continue to drive improvement and growth.

The Board is studying the contents of the Minister's letter with intentions to:

- Adjust the School's budget to accommodate the changed circumstances, and
- Seek legal advice for the School to challenge this decision.

We will keep you informed as soon as there is information to share.

As far as students, staff and parents are concerned, it will be 'business as usual'. The current Board will continue to ensure the School operates in a proper manner. Our focus will always remain on providing a quality education for all students.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair