FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA

PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN TUITION REBATE IN THE EVENT OF CLOSURES DURING 2020-2021

The Board of the French International School of Philadelphia is offering a “Pre-K and Kindergarten Family Support Rebate” to families paying tuition who have children in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

In cases where a child at these levels is kept out of the school building for more than five consecutive days (not interrupted by school vacation) because of the shutdown of a class or of the school building due to COVID-related restrictions, the school will offer $250 per affected child to families that pay tuition. The maximum for any child’s rebate for this reason is $1,000 for the 2020-2021 school year.

For those families who have the means to do so, the school encourages them to return the rebate to the school as a tax-deductible donation for the Beyond Borders fund to support school families facing additional need.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN FAMILY SUPPORT REBATE

• Will partial weeks also be refunded? No. The rebate will be given if and when a child is kept out of the school building for five school days in a row (uninterrupted by vacation).

• My child is in 1st grade, why do I not receive any rebate? While we understand the challenges of looking after young children during school building closures, the board has decided to make the cut-off at 1st grade, where children are required to be schooled. Financial constraints also prevent us from offering this rebate at the grade levels.

• If we receive financial aid for tuition, will the full $250 rebate amount still be paid? Yes the full amount of $250 per child per week will be paid regardless of the amount of financial aid the family receives.

• The company I work for pays my child’s tuition. Will I receive a rebate or will it go to the company I work for and that pays tuition? In this instance, neither family nor sponsoring company will receive a rebate. The aid is designed as a family assistance.

• What happens if school is closed for longer than 4 weeks? Will the maximum be revisited? No. The maximum is based on affordability and will not be extended for the 20/21 school year.
• How will the funds be paid? *We will contact qualifying families within two weeks of the qualifying event and ask whether they wish to receive a rebate check by mail or whether they wish to make a tax-deductible donation to the Beyond Borders Fund supporting financial aid for school families.*

• What about my unique situation that is not described here? *The Board has provided the Head of School with latitude to deal with individual circumstances, except the $1000 per child maximum.*