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An Important Announcement from Dr. Arnie Bieber

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Dear ISP Parents, Students, Alumni, and Friends,

For the past eleven years, I have found myself telling anyone who will listen how lucky I am to serve as the Director of our school. When I am asked, “Why?” I tell them that it’s impossible not to love this amazing, diverse and dynamic community that is the International School of Prague.

However, as Chaucer said, “all good things must come to an end.” I therefore write to inform you that in two years time, as of July 2021, I have decided that I will step down from my position as ISP Director.

My wife Marianne and I made this decision only after long and careful deliberation of personal and professional factors. New York City is not only home to many of our friends and family, but is now also home to both our children, and proud ISP alumni, Joshua and Emma who live and study there. Those family ties are calling us.

Professionally, while I love my job and I believe that we have together accomplished a tremendous amount during my tenure, it will be time, after 13 years of service as Director, to bring on board the next leader who will continue, I am sure, to **Inspire, Engage and Empower** our community.

Since recruiting and hiring the head of school is a key responsibility of the Board, Staffan Erenmalm, the Chairman of the ISP Board of Trustees, will write to the community with further details describing the process and timeline. However, let me reassure you by saying that, after I informed the Board of my decision last school year, the Board began the search process for a new Director this past spring. This means that the school will have ample time to find the right person, through what I know will be an inclusive process. I am therefore confident that ISP’s new Director will be well selected, prepared, and situated to move the school forward into a very bright future.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our amazing community and especially our parents and employees, past and present, for your support for what they do on behalf of your children every single day. Involved parents and alumni are the heart of our community and their positive support is reflected in the atmosphere and ongoing successes of the school. Our accomplished and experienced faculty and staff are second to none and I am inspired by their caring professionalism, day in and day out. Finally, please rest assured that our focus on continuous improvement will not waver over the next two years.

Although Marianne and I have been discussing and planning for our next move for some time, we are keeping an open mind to future possibilities and opportunities. We are well aware that whatever we choose next, ISP will be a hard act to follow!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnie Bieber". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Dr. Arnie Bieber