

Hello,

Yes, the 9th can work. [REDACTED] will represent the PO office as [REDACTED] nad I will be in selection. Thanks for doing all the leg work, [REDACTED]!

On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 9:39AM Evan Glazer [REDACTED]@imsa.edu> wrote:  
That's fine with me if it's OK with [REDACTED].

I suggest we involve  and the SIR team.

Evan

On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 8:31AM [REDACTED]@imsa.edu> wrote:

Good morning!

This request from Beijing to come to IMSA on April 9th, was forwarded to me.

Please let me know if this is a group you'd like to visit the Academy.

The Selection Committee is the 9th, but I should be able to set time with staff members to meet with them.

Thank you -

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From: [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Date: Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 8:08AM

Subject: Re: Request for an In-Person Visit from Beijing National Day School

To: [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Cc: [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 12:54AM [REDACTED]@bnds.cn> wrote:

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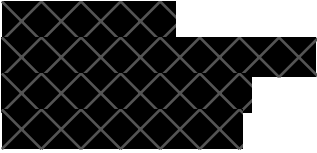
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**Subject:** Re: Request for an In-Person Visit from Beijing National Day School

**From:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

**Date:** 3/25/24, 1:02 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Ms. [REDACTED]:

Hello, and thank you for your interest in visiting the Illinois Math and Science Academy on April 9, 2024,

with a group of 10-15 principals and teachers from BNDS and its sister schools. We will be happy to schedule a morning visit with our staff.

We have attached a Memorandum of Understanding for the visit. Please review, sign, and return. We will then draft an agenda for the morning visit and return to you.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you.

On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 8:08AM [REDACTED]@imsa.edu> wrote:

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**Subject:** Re: Advice Request re: Request from Beijing National Day School  
**From:** Evan Glazer [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>  
**Date:** 4/1/24, 11:13 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>  
**CC:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Hi [REDACTED],

I think it's ok since we are not a political organization. Educator is a great equalizer that brings people together. In addition, I hope the visit might yield potential for their students to study at IMSA one day.

Evan

On Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 11:10AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@imsa.edu> wrote:

Hi Evan,

Last Thursday in our 1:1, Gary and I discussed the request for a visit from the Beijing National Day Schools (BNDS) on April 9th.

Question: Do you think, given the [current geo-political environment](#) involving the People's Republic of China (PRC), there is a risk to reputation for IMSA if we agree to host the Beijing National Day Schools (BNDS).

Recent requests from BNDS

- Increase total visitors to 17
- Requested a lunch

Dottie has suggested an option to defer BNDS to a future date, given the identified some logistical challenges with that date (selection – which ties up Academic faculty/leadership resources).

Should we proceed? We have an MOU drafted based on the previous request, to define expectations.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bnds.cn>  
**Date:** Sun, Mar 31, 2024 at 10:00PM  
**Subject:** Reply:Re: Request for an In-Person Visit from Beijing National Day School  
**To:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your professional coordination and arrangements. I have shared the exciting news that we can visit your school with our group's supervisor, Ms. Betty Wu (Executive Principal of Beijing Haidian Future Academy), and other related teachers. We have also read the "Memorandum of Understanding" document you sent together. We are looking forward to establishing a long-term friendly relationship with your school, but there are a few details we would like to confirm with you to ensure we are on the same page.

Our final delegate group consists of 17 principals and teachers, which slightly differs from the numbers mentioned in my previous emails and your documents. May I ask if this is acceptable? If not, we can make adjustments.

Additionally, we may not be able to arrive at your school by 8:00 AM, as we will be checking into a hotel near the University of Chicago the night before, and it takes about an hour to get to your school from there. Could we possibly start the visit at 9:00 AM? We have another visit scheduled for 2:00 PM on that day (April 9th), and the travel time is also about an hour, so we were wondering if it would be possible for you to provide a light lunch for us? We prefer to have an informal lunch with your teachers and students during our visit. Rest assured that the cost of this will be borne by us. If this is not convenient, we can also make our own arrangements.


Please let me know if these two points require any changes to the documents. If so, please send me an amended version for Ms. Betty Wu to sign. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,



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@imsa.edu> On Tuesday, Mar 26, 2024, 2:06 wrote:


Dear Ms. :

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 12:54AM 王艺臻 <@bnds.cn> wrote:

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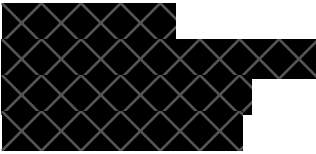
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"...truth must be discovered through dialogue and debate – and we cannot discover truth without allowing for the possibility of error." [The Westminster Declaration](#). [#Inquiry Based Teaching & Learning](#) [#Academic Freedom](#)

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**Subject:** Schedule for Tuesday, April 9 – National Day School, Beijing

**From:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

**Date:** 4/5/24, 1:52 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

Hi everyone –

I've attached the schedule for Tuesday's visit with 20 principals and teachers from the National Day School in Beijing.

<http://www.bnds.cn/en/>

If you have a conflict, please let me know. I thank you and appreciate your time with our guests.

*Message from their visit request – 'We are deeply impressed by the achievements of your school in helping students' learning and growth, and it would be a great honor to visit your school and exchange experiences regarding the aspects that facilitate the cultivation of innovative talents, which includes school curriculum, learning methods, resources, school management, etc.'*

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**Subject:** Visitors, Tuesday, April 9th  
**From:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>  
**Date:** 4/5/24, 1:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Hi ladies –

We will have 20 principals and teachers from the National Day School in Beijing, visiting the academy on Tuesday, the 9th.

I've included a visit to your class on their schedule. If you have a conflict, let me know.

The schedule is attached, school link: <http://www.bnds.cn/en/>

Thanks for your time with our guests! I appreciate it :)

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[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Fwd: Request for an In-Person Visit from Beijing National Day School in September  
**From:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>  
**Date:** 8/5/24, 8:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Good morning! Hope you both had a nice weekend...  
I'm forwarding this request from the Beijing National School.  
They're requesting to come on Sept. 24 or 27.

They were here on April 9th, I think they ended up being a group of 15. Morning visit with admins, faculty, and class visits.  
They're requesting 10 teachers for this visit – math/science, in the morning of one of these days.

Fyi – this is homecoming week. Our process has been, first visit no charge. Fee assessed for others going forward.

[REDACTED] – please let me know if I should move forward with this or rather wait for another week other than homecoming.

[REDACTED] – can you please draft a 1/2 day visit agreement if we agree to this.

Thank you both –

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@bnds.cn>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 7:00AM  
**Subject:** Request for an In-Person Visit from Beijing National Day School in September  
**To:** [REDACTED]@imsa.edu>

Dear Ms. [REDACTED],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express our continued interest in fostering the wonderful relationship established during our visit to the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) last April.

During our last visit, our delegation of principals and teachers was deeply impressed by the warmth of your welcome and the excellence of your campus, leadership, faculty, and students. The visit left a lasting impression on all of us, and we are truly grateful for the wonderful experience.

From September 22 to September 28, a delegation of teachers from BNDS Group will be attending the NCSM and NCTM annual conferences in Chicago. We see this as a perfect opportunity to continue our exchange and would be excited if our teachers could visit IMSA during this period. This delegation mainly consists of teachers with backgrounds in mathematics, science, and STEM-related fields, which align perfectly with your school's specializations. We believe this will lead to very insightful and meaningful exchanges.

According to the conference schedule, the mornings of September 24 and September 27 are relatively flexible for us. However, we are open to finding other times that might be more convenient for you. Could you please let me know if it would be possible to accommodate our visit to IMSA on either of these dates? The group will consist of no more than ten members.

Lastly, we would be more than happy to host you, your leadership team, faculty members, and students if you ever come to Beijing. We look forward to the possibility of continuing our collaboration and deepening our relationships.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Warm regards,



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