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INFORMATION UPDATE

FROM THE BOARD OF MALEK FAHD ISLAMIC SCHOOL

Monday, 19 February 2018

Assalamualaikum

It is pleasing to see that the staff and students are settling into the new school year so well.

Welcome to a new Board member

It is with much pleasure that I advise you that we have a new member of the Board of Malek Fahd Islamic School.

Karim Amin, who is a former student of Malek Fahd, joined the Board on 1 February. He has significant expertise and experience in key positions in information technology and commerce. He is Head of Commercial Management of the Avant Mutual Group and previously held senior positions with StatePlus, ANZ Wealth, AMP, the Downer Group and the University of New South Wales.

Karim is a Bachelor of Computer Science, a Bachelor of Arts from UNSW and a Juris Doctor from the University of Technology.

I am sure that Karim will make a significant contribution to the work of the Board as we move ahead.

Karim replaces Rodin Genoff, Managing Director of Rodin Genoff and Associates, who made a significant contribution to the work of the Board from mid-June 2016 until the end of 2017. Rodin's international business commitments were making it increasingly difficult for him to commit fully to the Board. The Board is very appreciative of Rodin's valuable service to Malek Fahd.

Finalising matters with AFIC

I had hoped by now that I could report that the legal proceedings between the School and AFIC had been finalised. Unfortunately, this is not yet the case. Lawyers for both parties are working to achieve agreement on the basis of Justice Ball's decisions late last year.

Should final agreement not be possible, the views of both parties in relation to the outstanding matters will go before the judge. We will advise you as soon as these matters are resolved.

Mediation session with the NSW Department of Education

This Wednesday (21 February) we will attempt to resolve through mediation an outstanding matter with the NSW Department that relates to 2014 and 2015.

A Government advisory committee concluded last year that the School had not complied with the Education Act in 2014 and 2015. It recommended that the School be required to repay money provide to it by the State Government in those years.

This is similar to a case relating to 2010 to 2012, which was successfully settled by mediation late last year.

We will keep you informed.

Jazakallah Khairan for your ongoing support.

Wassalam

DR JOHN BENNETT

Chair