

Dear EBUS families,

There will be changes for the upcoming school year in relation to how families will access learning support funds. As of September 2018, we will no longer be using our VISA card program as a way of accessing learning support funds. Secondary students whose school of record is EBUS Academy and who are registered for at least 4 courses may access up to \$600 in Learning Support Funds. Full time students will access these funds through third-party service providers. Third party services work very well in helping students meet curricular outcomes in non-core areas such as Fine Arts, Physical Education, and Applied Skills. Secondary students can utilize learning support funds towards lessons that support their broader learning goals and skill development. For example, lessons in music, dance, drama, sports, martial arts, woodworking, first aid, programming, etc., are ways students could access funding so long as EBUS can pay the service provider directly. As of September 2018, secondary students will obtain pre-approval by completing a form, available from their Senior Academic Advisor, for each “service/lesson/resource”.

We understand that the end of our VISA program at EBUS will be a change for some families. We hope that the use of third-party services will continue to allow for rich learning experiences for our full-time students. Additionally, we will continue to provide access to resources that we believe promote success for all learners such online subscriptions and expansions to our Follet digital library.

EBUS will also be adjusting our Internet reimbursement policy so that it is in alignment with ministry policy. Full details will be available prior to September but one change will be that reimbursements will be in the form of a one-time payment, per family regardless of how many children are enrolled in the program.

Please contact us at any time if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in our school community!

Sincerely,

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