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**Update to the IST Community from the IST Board
on IST Oyster Bay Land Plot**

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Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

Due to rising enrolment and the necessity to improve and expand our facility, IST needs to develop land in Oyster Bay which has been used by the Swedish School Society of Dar es Salaam (SSS). Although the land was originally allocated to IST for educational purposes by the Government of Tanzania, the SSS has long asserted a claim to the portion of the plot they occupy.

In December 2007, after previous attempts to negotiate a resolution on land use had been unsuccessful, IST asked SSS to vacate the premises which are no longer used for an active primary school. Following this, a new SSS Board was appointed and amicable negotiations regarding the sub-division and use of the plot resumed. However, the two boards have still been unable to reach final agreement. A letter dated June 2008 from the Commissioner for Lands to both boards indicated that the revocation of IST's title deed had been sanctioned in order to facilitate resolving the complaint of the Swedish School Society that part of its land is held by IST.

Based on legal advice, IST has commenced legal proceedings to both contest the title revocation and to gain access to the land occupied by the SSS. We do not take these actions lightly, but they are necessary in order to protect our rights to the land for which we hold sole title. Judicial action may take considerable time, and in the meantime we will continue our discussions with the Swedish School governing board in order to resolve the conflicting claims. We expect all educational activities to continue unimpeded. A final solution with the SSS to this ongoing dispute will serve the best interests of both communities who have many interests in common. We will keep you informed of significant developments.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
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