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To,

Shri Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray,

Chief Minister,

Maharashtra State.

Dear Sir,

Independent English Schools Association (IESA) works for the betterment of the academic ecosystem of Private Schools in Maharashtra. We focus on the wellbeing of all stakeholders; Students, Teachers, Parents, Schools and society at large. Most of our members are from budget schools (having annual fees of less than Rs.30,000) and are spread across the state of Maharashtra.

We (IESA) highly appreciate your admirable handling of the situation that has arisen due to the pandemic. Your leadership gives us the confidence that we shall rise stronger from this critical situation.

The pandemic situation has its impact on every section of the society which also includes the education sector in the state. Our member schools have followed the instructions given by H'ble Education Minister, in the order no.2020/ प्र. क्र. 58 / आरोग्य 5 dated 14/03/20 stating not to force parents to pay school fees. We have not demanded fees from the parents and in turn requested our teachers, non-teaching staff, kaka's, maushi's and drivers to bear with us during the first phase of lockdown. Sir, it is very apparent that private schools do not get any aid; and fees is the only source of receipts to meet all expenses in the school including salaries, rentals, taxes, vendor payments, EMI's, insurance premiums, service rental payments and a host of other school related payments. We would like to bring to your notice important points which will help the private schools and their staff from a complete collapse during this critical time.

- Principals, Teachers are also 'Nation builders' who have risen up in this situation of crisis and held onto their responsibilities towards students by starting online teaching in limited resources available to her at her residence. Such a commitment is commendable and deserves utmost respect.
- Many of them are sole bread earners for their families.
- We also uplift your appeal to the employers not to lay off employees and pay their salaries.



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- The school management is not able to do so due to the above mentioned order no.2020/ प्र. क्र. 58 / आरोग्य 5 dated 14/03/20.
- Most of the employees in the corporate sector are getting salaries in this situation.
- Even banks giving moratorium relief are providing only to the clients who have applied for the same and appealing the clients to pay EMI's in time if they can do so.
- Whereas, the school management has been threatened of action in the order mentioned above.

Sir, Private schools usually have been at the receiving end of negative propaganda by certain forums. While in reality an Edupreneur despite having other investment options puts his personal wealth in creating a national asset i.e, A school and then carefully nurtures to make it a Temple of learning. Due to this relentless endeavour of giving quality education to the society, almost 50% of students studying in the state are being educated in private schools. These schools have served the nation by bridging a huge gap between government and missionary schools. Without Private schools it will be difficult to imagine a talented students' pool which go to universities and further on become an asset in building this nation.

Sir, we kindly request you to permit us to ask monthly or quarterly fees depending on the parents so that we are able to sustain and pay salaries to the teachers, non-teaching staff, kaka's, maushi's and drivers. This will also help their families in this critical time. To ensure that there is no forcible demand to parents we suggest that a fee request message be drafted jointly in association with the education department and the same can be uniformly sent to the parents. We also would like an appeal made by the government to all parents to come together in this time of crisis and be willing to support their school.

With a prayer and warm regards

IESA

Maharashtra State committee.