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Dear Parent,

Greetings from the Principal's Desk!!

The United Arab Emirates is participating in PISA 2018 Main Survey. You will be pleased to know that our school has been selected to participate in the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA 2018) Main Survey. We aim at achieving the National Agenda 2021 to be one of the 20 top countries among participating countries.

ADEK expects all schools to encourage their students to do their best on the PISA Assessment. Our experience also indicates that the success of the program depends largely on conveying the seriousness of the PISA program to the students, motivating them to do their best, and developing in them an attitude to engage with the Assessment that will benchmark their performance with the rest of the world.

The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is a study that compares and examines student performance in reading, mathematical and scientific literacy for all 15-year-old students in the school. The UAE will be amongst more than 80 other countries that will participate in the Seventh cycle of the PISA Assessment and it will be electronic i.e. computer based and hence provide invaluable data on achievement levels and benchmark student performance with other participating countries.

The PISA Main Survey will take place in Private schools which do not follow MoE curriculum, between **18/04/2018 and 29/05/2018**. Up to 35 eligible 15-year-old students born between **1st January 2002 and 31st December 2002** will be selected from our school to participate in the assessment. Students will complete a cognitive assessment ebooklet (computer based) comprising of

questions on Mathematics, Science and Reading with **Reading being the main domain** for PISA 2018. Students will also complete a questionnaire that asks them about their background, attitudes, perceptions and approaches to learning.

We earnestly solicit your assistance in achieving this objective as research indicates that high quality data is a direct result of high involvement / participation rates of students.

We look forward to working together with you on the PISA Main Survey.

It is essential that students master the skills of using the online PISA interface, considering the fact that the 2018 PISA test will be interactive and online.

1.

<http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test-2012/testquestions/question1/> (Some questions are interactive with buttons to generate data, graphs and charts by the student.)

2.

<http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test/> (This link has some sample math and science questions . Some questions are interactive too.)

3.

The PISA resources on the MOE portal:
<https://www.moe.gov.ae/Ar/ImportantLinks/InternationalAssessments/Pages/PISA.aspx>

The focus of the 2018 PISA test will be on **Reading literacy**. Therefore, it is important that students practice reading continuous, non-continuous and mixed texts extensively, bearing in mind the 6 proficiency levels and the reading strategies mentioned in the PL descriptors.

I highly appreciate your feedback.

With regards,

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Principal

