

## **SALIS Statement of Solidarity with the People of Ukraine**

As the Salzburg International School community continues to exemplify incredible resilience in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, we want to acknowledge our families and friends, neighbors and partners in crisis wherever they may be. We stand with the people of Ukraine, offering our solidarity and sympathy toward anyone experiencing pain and loss, and we join with all people of good will working toward a swift and peaceful end to this untenable brutality.

As a global community representing over 50 countries, we believe in caring for and learning from each other. We do not tolerate discrimination or violence in any form, and we work together to confront and dispel disinformation. We teach our children to make sound decisions using credible, reliable sources and research, and we want to encourage all of our families to speak about current events together in clear and mindful terms. We believe in the dignity of all human beings and the common decency of humanity to consider each other's needs in times of uncertainty.

Beginning this week, we have accepted several Ukrainian students into our classes and community, and we anticipate opening our doors to others in the coming days. The SALIS community is ready to welcome these young people, and we are so very proud of our students for creating such a welcoming and warm environment for them. Furthermore, we have SALIS families taking in displaced children, and we want to thank them for trusting us to care for the larger community in this way.

We are currently working with several partners and organizations in and around Salzburg to gather educational resources for our current students and those joining us temporarily. We are mobilizing support networks to assist us in responsible service efforts, and we are digging in to find creative solutions in these most challenging times. We at SALIS understand that raising our children to be good people in the world is our common goal, and it is through open-minds and open-hearts that we will succeed.

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