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To Whom It May Concern,

A+ World Academy has been faced with a unique challenge of how to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the past few weeks and we have accepted that challenge with the same rigor, perseverance, and resilience as everything else we do. I would like to thank our amazing staff and crew for all of their exceptional work to ensure the safety of our students. Without everyone's help during this emergency, we would not have been able to remain infection-free as we are.

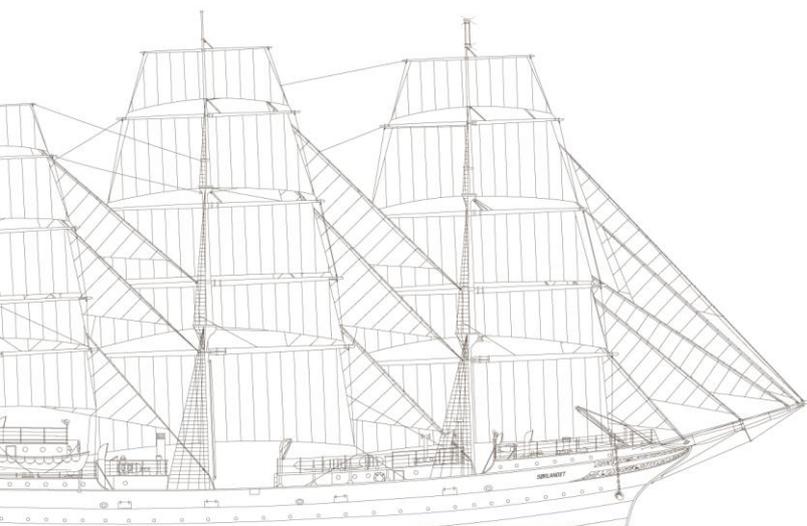
Our response to the Coronavirus began before the governor of New York's announcement of a State of Emergency and we implemented restrictions and changes that ensured the safety of our students. As the situation escalated, we made an extremely difficult decision to re-route the ship to avoid any chance of infection and to cancel our Parent Port in New York city, where students would be allowed off ship to spend a week with family. This decision was, after many tears from both parents and students, later praised to be the best decision possible.

Once we found a port that had zero reported cases of Coronavirus, we changed our course for Bermuda and implemented a 14-day quarantine for all crew, staff, and students. We made this decision several days before the country of Bermuda had made this request of all visitors. Our beautiful ship, S.S. Sørlandet, will remain in Bermuda for three weeks so that all incoming crew can complete their 14-day quarantine before joining.

Students, although disappointed to miss their Parent Port, have quickly realized that having a quarantine in a beach-side bungalow is just about the best possible way to be quarantined! Students have enjoyed beach access, swimming in the ocean, game night, karaoke, and a lot of snacking and eating! They deserve every minute of this quarantine vacation and we are so pleased that we can continue our program beyond this port. Once we leave Bermuda, our voyage plan may change as we closely follow the number of reported cases of Coronavirus in each country. As we have in the past, we will continue making all of our decisions based on what is most safe for our students.



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