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Dear Panel members,

We plead with Legco members to protect ESF from being “privatized”. We wish Legco members to closely monitor the negotiation process. A private ESF would no longer be ESF but just another elite international school, serving only rich families. The fee has to go up by ~\$20,000/yr (subvention 2.7 billion per yr/ 13,000 students) on top of the already expensive fee. This would be discriminating the English/ Non-Chinese speaking ethnic minorities, depriving of their access to the only subvented schools with English-medium education. Thousands of students would have nowhere to go. The unique/important role of ESF would vanish which is destructive to HK education system and would incur loss to HK as an international city.

We plead with ESF management to strive for continuation and increase of subvention, with backup from parents. This is to benefit existing and next generation of students. ESF definitely should NOT abandon the subvention under pressure. Otherwise this would be the biggest failure in the history (since 1967) of ESF, incurring tremendous impact to all stakeholders especially students, parents and teachers.

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