

Announcement #2
March 30, 2022

As many of you have heard, the San Juan del Sur Day School is going through an ownership transition. The common goal for all involved parties is to continue to make lasting improvements to the school that stand the test of time.

Background on Transition:

Since its inception in 2009 the vision, success, and operation of San Juan del Sur Day School has been driven by Julie Speier and her husband John Crilly as sole proprietors. In 2015 Chris Robertson, of Finca las Nubes, offered to dedicate the land and build the school building that our school so desperately needed. The development of the campus buildings has been generously financed by the Robertson family, Finca las Nubes and the buildings are leased to the school and the school pays rent. We are incredibly grateful to Finca Las Nubes for providing us with its amazing location and buildings. Part of the school's lease agreement with FLN has been to cooperate in keeping the road traffic minimal in order to maintain safety, protect the road and the environment. Thankfully Finca Las Nubes gave special limited permission for us during Covid to allow parents to drive children to school - providing transportation options in response to the bus mask requirement. We thank Chris Robertson and Natalie Robertson for making this special allowance for us and being flexible during the pandemic.

Last year the school found itself in a series of highly stressful and difficult situations with significant growth obstacles, conflicts and crises. John and Julie recognized that the school had come to a stage in its development that demands more energy, resources and expertise to meet its needs. So, after 13 years John and Julie decided to sell their school business and asked trusted, long time parents/residents/business owners to help. These new shareholders of the educational institution understand the school, the community, the country and they see the value, vision, mission and potential of the school. They have the best interests of the students and school community in mind. They plan to continue supporting the school and its programs and intend to have Julie stay on to do what she loves, which is educating our children.

With the goal of continuing in the path of John and Julie's vision, the group of shareholders have founded a new business, to be called SENDEROS in order to restructure the existing school entity. In order to increase community involvement, SENDEROS will be forming a layered organizational structure including a chartered board. The goal is to make an educational institution that can scale and grow over time with transparency and without relying on any one individual for its ability to thrive.

We have heard concerns about future COVID policies since announcing the transfer of ownership. Just like our current COVID protocols were decided on by a diverse parent committee, our future COVID protocols will be determined by committees. One of the main intentions of SENDEROS is to form and empower committees and boards to help govern the

school. This improved structure of governance will improve transparency and increase community involvement, all of which are in the best interests of the school.

We are working cohesively and will share the vision and governance structure on Monday, April 4th. We think these documents will answer most of your questions and we will schedule community meetings starting at the end of April to address all of your questions and ideas for the improvement of the school.

We look forward to working together to build an amazing learning environment that will become a regional leader in education for decades to come.

On behalf of,

Julie Speier and John Crilly (San Juan Del Sur Day School, Founders and Director)
Tyler and Massiel, Aram and Abril, Zach and Suyen (SENDEROS Shareholders)
Chris Robertson and Natalie Robertson (Finca las Nubes, Owners of the facilities)