

Secondary Cycle
INVITATION to 11th December 2013 meeting

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Parent Associations of the European Schools of Luxembourg, this invites you to attend a lunch-time information seminar on Wednesday the 11th December 2013 in Luxembourg. Concerning the reorganisation of the secondary cycle in the European Schools. It is vital that you attend, if you are able. The proposed secondary reforms contain significant changes that will impact all our children, and this may be one of the few opportunities we get to have our questions as parents answered. Up until now, we feel the decisions have been made without adequate consideration of the parents' voice. So please come to properly inform yourselves and ask your questions.

The original invitation from the European Commission follows:

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Réorganisation du cycle secondaire des Ecoles Européennes

Dans le but de répondre aux préoccupations des parents et de leur donner une possibilité de poser des questions, la Commission Européenne a invité le Secrétaire Général adjoint des Ecoles Européennes, Mr Giancarlo Marcheggiano, à des sessions d'informations de midi à Luxembourg. Une présentation des changements proposés dans le cadre de la réorganisation du cycle secondaire des Ecoles Européennes ainsi qu'une séance de questions-réponses aura lieu le mercredi le 11 Décembre dans la salle M6 au bâtiment Jean Monnet entre 12h30 et 15h00 en présence des Directeurs des Ecoles Européennes du Luxembourg, Mme Vassilacou et M de Tournemire.

Les parents n'ayant pas accès aux bâtiments de la Commission sont invités à informer de leur présence Mme Fiona GOODWYN du FAPEEEL (Fédération des Associations de Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne au Grand-Duché du Luxembourg) via email office2@fapeeel.lu **avant le 9 Décembre à midi** pour recevoir un accès.

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Reorganisation of the secondary cycle in the European Schools

In order to meet the concerns of parents and to provide the possibility to ask questions, the European Commission has invited the Deputy Secretary General of the European Schools, Mr Giancarlo Marcheggiano, to deliver a lunch-time information session in Luxembourg. A presentation of the proposed changes relating to the reorganisation of the secondary cycle in the European Schools, with the possibility to ask questions, will be given on Wednesday 11th December in room M6 in the Jean Monnet building between 12:30 -15:00 in the presence of the Directors of the European Schools in Luxembourg, Mrs Vassilacou and Mr de Tournemire.

Parents who do not have access to the Commission building are kindly asked to indicate their presence to Mrs. Fiona GOODWYN in the FAPEEEL (Fédération des Associations de Parents d'Elèves de l'Ecole Européenne au Grand-Duché du Luxembourg) by e-mail at office2@fapeeel.lu **before the 9 December at noon**, in order to be given access.

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The Jean Monnet building is located on Rue Alcide de Gasperi in Kirchberg. You will require a European Commission badge to enter into the meeting. If you do not already have one, you must give your name our FAPEEEL coordinator, Mme. Fiona Goodwyn before 9 December at 12:00. That will then entitle you to receive a badge at the main security desk to attend the meeting. Please permit at least 15 extra minutes to clear security and walk to the M6 meeting room.

We encourage you to inform yourselves as much as possible in advance of the 11 December meeting. Via separate email, we have sent a synthesis of the proposed secondary reforms. This and more information is also available on our Parent Association website: www.fapeeel.lu

We count on seeing you there!

Thank you for your involvement,

FAPEEEL

Fédération des Associations de Parents d'Elèves des Ecoles Européennes de Luxembourg

REMINDER

Dear fellow parents,

As you know, a meeting of the Board of Governors of the European School was held in Brussels between 3-5 December. One of the items discussed was a proposal for the **reorganisation of studies in the secondary cycle of the ES**. Two decisions were taken during the meeting:

1. The part of the proposal for S1-S3 was approved.
2. A mandate was given for an external evaluation of the S4-S7 part of the proposal to be carried out.

Prior to the Board of Governors meeting, we received an invitation to **a meeting organised by the European Commission to be addressed by the Deputy Secretary General of the European Schools, Mr Giancarlo Marcheggiano, in the presence of the Directors of the European Schools in Luxembourg, Mrs Vassilacou and Mr de Tournemire.**

The meeting is intended to meet the concerns of parents by providing them with the possibility to ask questions. Although the demand for an external evaluation for the S4-S7 part of the proposal has been met, there are still many issues to be discussed, in particular issues relating to:

- elements of the proposal;
- the objectives and justifications for the reorganisation of studies in the secondary cycle;
- the terms of reference for the external study.

Wednesday's meeting will be our opportunity to address these issues with the Deputy Secretary General. Unless you work with one of the institutions and/or are in possession of a visitor's pass, you will not have automatic access to the Jean Monnet building, room M6, in which the meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th December from 12:30 to 15:00.**

If you intend to attend and need a pass, it is important that you email office2@fapeeel.lu asap.

APEEEL1 and APEEEL2 Management Committees and Interparents' Representatives