

Dear Chair and members of the Commission Education Culture and Science,

At the beginning of this year I got excited: would it finally come to it? The CXC education gets a "real" (not "temporary") place in the landscape of legislation and regulations with the CXC Decree.

An internet consultation will take place on 12 February 2020. Five years after the start of the programme, things are finally really happening.

At least, that's what I thought... And I still hope so.

In the opening words of the internet consultation, the third goal of the "CXC Decision in the Making" is stated: *It regulates what is needed for a school diploma that allows students to follow further education on Bonaire and in the European Netherlands.*

Nowadays daily life on both your and my side of the Atlantic Ocean is quite disrupted by the coronavirus, but in the meantime the CXC organization has regained its composure and an adjusted exam schedule has been published.

It is expected that the first generation of students at the Gwendoline van Putten School on St. Eustatius will take the CSEC exam in July 2020.

I think it is a good aim to have the regulations in place before those exams start, so that the "school diploma" will have a formal right to exist.

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Kind regards,

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