

To Ministry of OCW (VO, MBO and HBO),
Chairman and members Committee OCW and KR of the Dutch Parliament.

Cc Board GvP school, Sint Eustatius,
RCN/department of OCW (on both Bonaire and St. Eustatius),
Education Inspectorate,
National Ombudsman,
Government commissioner on Sint Eustatius.

St. Eustatius, March 29, 2021.

In follow-up to my letter of March 16 last, I request you to inform the HBO and MBO institutions in the European Netherlands as soon as possible about the existence of St. Eustatius and the examination method (CXC) in (English-language) secondary education that is in force there.

In particular, I refer to the fact that the actual diplomas and result lists will not be available until - at the earliest - the autumn (September, October 2021). Students who have already applied to colleges in the European Netherlands invariably run into a wall of incomprehension when it comes to the timely availability of precisely these documents.

Honoring this request - already included in the first instance in my letter of March 16 - would provide much relief to the feelings of stress that precede such a drastic step in the life of the 'pupil' on the way to the status of 'student'.

When HBO- and MBO-institutions wish for more certainty with regard to the chances of success for the upcoming final exam of these students at the Gwendoline van Puttenschool on St. Eustatius, please ask the principal of this school to speak out about the best possible expectations with regard to the upcoming exam.

On <https://www.internetconsultatie.nl/besluitcxc> you can see that already on March 8, 2020 (more than a year ago!) I advised to inform also the HBO and MBO institutions. Furthermore, you can consult the draft regulation on this site. In articles 18 and 19 of this draft regulation, the school diploma gets status; it seems to me that HBO- and MBO-institutions can work with this in anticipation of the documents to be provided by CXC.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

Kind regards,

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