

Dear Chair and members of the Committee on Education, Culture and Science,

The CXC Decision is expected to enter into force on 1 August 2020. And although Article 25 of the Decision already provides that nothing needs to be amended if that date is not met, I think it would be a good idea to publish the CXC Decision before that date. After all, it was in October 2014 (*almost six years ago!*) that the English-language education, to be examined by the CXC, in relation to St. Eustatius, was reported to you for the first time in a Parliamentary Letter from the then State Secretary Dekker.

Due to the corona crisis, the CXC exams for CSEC education have been postponed until the second half of July and the first week of August, but in the meantime, of course, school life continues. For example, the third graders (with a prospective CSEC exam in 2022) are currently working on determining their subject package and choice of profile. Comparable with the choice of profile as previously made at the Gwendoline van Puttenschool in the havo.

Just as profiles in havo, vwo and vmbo are laid down in legislation and regulations, it seems appropriate to also define the profiles for CSEC in the CXC Decision so that the school diploma to be obtained can be used broadly and so that the comparison with the havo profiles can be made when enrolling in and admitting to secondary and higher vocational education in the European Netherlands.

During the consultation period concerning the CXC Decision (12 February 2020 to 18 March 2020), a proposal was submitted for inclusion in the CXC Decision. This proposal reasonably reflects the reality of the current fourth graders (with an intended CSEC exam in 2021), *but without an official basis for this*.

It is precisely with a *formally* defined subject package that adequate choices can be made. And to my regret, this can't be done effectively this year as well, because the CXC Decision *is still in the air*.

May I ask you once again to raise a sense of urgency with the Minister of Education, Culture and Science?

Thank you in advance. Kind regards,

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Cc: Chairman and members of the Kingdom Relations Committee

On 4 May 2020 at 22:07 jan meijer <jhtm.nl@gmail.com> wrote the following:

Dear chairman 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, it will finally come to fruition.

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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