

As a member of the SAC, Parents' Association received the following information from the OCW project manager for the relocation of ESB (13th of April 2021):

"Dear member of the School Advisory Council,

In 2019, the ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) has decided to move the European school Bergen to a new location. We are now in the midst of the decision making procedure to arrive at the new location for the European school. As you are directly involved, OCW invites you to take note of the bids of the municipalities of Alkmaar and Zaanstad, and to inform OCW which considerations are important to you when it comes to the new school location.

Your viewpoints are a valuable part in the decision-making process to arrive at a location choice for the European school. A location-bound pupil prognoses, a financial assessment, a possible social plan for employees, and the qualitative assessment of the bids are also included in the decision-making procedure. Once all these aspects are investigated, OCW will form a substantiated preliminary location decision, which is voted on by the Board of Governors latest end of this year.

Method of consultation

You are free to indicate any considerations regarding the location of the school, that are relevant to you. To help you on your way, we have a number of topics to which you can give your considerations:

- Accessibility to the location for all types of transport
- Safety of the location and suitability of the environment
- Services such as sports facilities and child care
- Long term sustainability of the school

It is important to note that considerations in this stage of the process should relate to the location of the school, and not to the new construction of the school building. In the next phase, after the location is decided upon, the wishes and requirement of the school building are developed, and you will be consulted in this phase too.

We welcome your feedback within 6 weeks after today, which is until the 26th of May before 17 pm latest.

Possibility to ask questions

At the request of the Parents Association, we have agreed to organise maximum 2 rounds of questions regarding the bids.

In closing

Relocating the European School Bergen may have a major impact on the people who have organized their lives around the school. The Ministry is well aware of this. In view of the expected completion time for the decision-making, preparation, construction and layout of the new school building, it takes a number of years, which means that those who will experience the move have ample time to prepare for this.

Both current and future pupils, parents, teachers and staff benefit from the rapid clarity of the future of the school. Just like you, the pupils and the institutions, the Ministry has an interest in a future-proof school, which can take a new step in European education at a suitable location. You are cordially invited to contribute to this goal."