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PRESIDENT

Brussels, 20 May 2008

Dear Parents:

Subject: European Parliament study of the Alumni of the European Schools.
<<http://www.bvdmc.com>>

This letter is addressed to parents of people who have completed their secondary education in the European Schools and have moved on to graduate from university and/or enter professional life.

The European Parliament¹ has recently commissioned the consultants, Bureau Van Dijk, to undertake a study of the career experience of students who have completed the European Baccalaureate. The object of the study is to collect and analyse information that could contribute to the current reform of the European Schools and to widening the availability of European education to a larger proportion of the European population, as has been advocated by recent European Parliament resolutions. These reforms are also under active consideration by the Board of Governors of the European schools, with the participation of Interparents.

Interparents, considers that it would be advantageous for present and future alumni of the European Schools if this study could be conducted as widely and as comprehensively as possible, in full confidence that many young people have, during the past fifty years, benefited considerably from the multi-cultural and multi-lingual aspects of European education, and the high standards maintained in all subjects in the European Baccalaureate qualification.

This study is supported by the Secretariat of the European Schools. Appropriate safeguards have been included in the process to protect the privacy and the personal data of all those concerned. To this effect, the consultants have published an on-line questionnaire at:

<<http://www.bvdmc.com>>

Click on the button corresponding to the English or French version of the questionnaire.

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The consultants would wish that as many people as possible who hold the qualification of the European Baccalaureate would complete the questionnaire. However, many past students are now widely dispersed and it is proving difficult to contact them.

Accordingly, I would invite all the parents of children in the European Schools who receive this letter to:

1. Forward this information, and particularly the above URL, to any and all graduates of the European schools that you are in contact with.
2. Invite European school alumni to pass on this information to their friends, past class-mates and colleagues.
3. Should you yourself be a graduate of the European schools, and hold the European Baccalaureate, to complete the questionnaire yourself.
4. Should you still be in possession of any past Class Lists arising from the school careers of your children, please send a copy by fax to the consultants.²

Needless to say, participation in this exercise, and completing the questionnaire, is entirely voluntary. Replies to the questionnaire should be sent before the ***deadline of 15 July 2008***.

The information arising will be used only for the purposes of this study and eventually for the constitution of Alumni associations for the European Schools, which are presently lacking.

May I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important activity. Any questions or clarifications may be addressed to the consultants at <jan.moens@bvdmc.com> or to myself at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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