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Dear Ms Künster,

I hope this letter finds you well in what I know are pretty busy times. We discussed this topic at our Board and agreed to contact you directly with this message.

For several years, the booklist of our school has been a very helpful tool for parents, allowing them to ensure their children have the necessary material ahead of the next school year. It also allowed parents to organise a second-hand book sale, in order to give new life to the books that other students didn't need anymore.

In order for this system to work, the information in the booklist, published at a certain moment before the summer break, needs to be accurate and up-to-date. Unfortunately, it seems that the content of the book list has in recent years deteriorated. Several problems have been identified, such as:

- Missing information, leading to the need to purchase books last minute and only after school has started
- Incorrect ISBN numbers (with little or no information on the title and editor)
- Unclear information on the edition required
- Books on the list which are not published anymore, and are therefore difficult (or expensive) to find
- Books on the list, which are purchased but never used or are replaced by other books (which also have to be purchased).

This has led in some instances to parents buying books (sometimes costing more than 50€) which turn out to be useless. Besides the waste of money, it also represents a waste of paper and energy. This is obviously not in anyone's interest, and we hope that you agree that it should be avoided.

In order for the booklist to continue to serve as a useful tool for parents, pupils and the school, the APEEE would appreciate if extra attention can be given to the update of the booklist next year. This would require clear procedures and a proper implementation to redress the situation. If necessary, some APEEE parents would be willing to meet with the school administration to discuss the way forward.

With kind regards,

Katie Mathe - on behalf of the APEEE Board

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