



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND SECURITY

The Director-General

HR.F.3/GI

**Subject: Management Decision to shorten the Secondary School Calendar in June 2022**

**Ref.: Your letter of 23.06.2022, Ares(2022)4599322**

Dear Ms Papa,

Thank you very much for your letter addressed to Commissioner Hahn and myself regarding the end-of-the-school-year arrangements in the European School Brussels I and the concerns expressed by the ESB I APEEE on this matter.

I fully agree with your findings on the need to assure 180 school days for students of the European Schools and I share your interpretation of the current rules pertaining to the possible suspension of lessons in the secondary cycle during the days required for the Baccalaureate oral examinations at the end of the school year.

This is why I reached out to the Secretary-General of the European Schools to express my concerns and doubts with regard to the understanding and application of the current rules by the European Schools.

In his reply, the Secretary-General assured me that the directors committed to undertake maximum efforts to organise replacement activities and to communicate this sufficiently in advance as from the following school year. Nonetheless, I still find it necessary to address this matter at the Board of Governors' level, in particular in regards to the impact of the suspension of lessons on the obligation to guarantee 180 days of schooling, and preferably still in December 2022.

I understand that I can count on parents' support, represented in the Board of Governors by Interparents, in this respect.

Ms Valentina Papa, President EEBI APEEE

Yours sincerely,

*(Electronically signed)*

Gertrud Ingestad

c.c.: Commissioner Hahn  
Mr A. Beckmann, Secretary General of the European Schools  
Mr C. Roques, Ms M. Silva Mendes (HR)

**Ms Valentina Papa, President EEBI APEEE**



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