

Rotterdam, June 2022

Dear parents

Finally an update on how the plans for the construction of the campus are going on.

The last time we sent a message about the plan for the campus was before the city council meeting in which the council would make a decision about the municipality's commitment to the construction of the campus. It was quite an exciting moment because in that same meeting, the go or no-go for Feyenoord city had to be taken. You all know what the outcome was, so there was no need to be nervous about it.

Following the municipal council meeting, the municipality indicated that a thorough investigation had been carried out into:

- the usefulness and necessity of a campus for primary and secondary international and bilingual education; It is clear, that necessity is there
- the importance for the city of Rotterdam and in particular the need to attract international knowledge migrants and people who want and are able to work internationally. We are lagging behind the other big cities so the campus is very important.
- double use of the space where the campus is to be located, i.e. education and sports and cooperation between the schools. That's a plus because there is a win-win situation for everyone
- the traffic movements to and from the campus; it must and can be improved, the planners have drawn up a good plan there.
- space, a campus with so many students fits on this plot. Yes that fits.

Everything shows the necessity, the importance and the possibilities. So that's very positive. The approach turned out to be very surprising. Instead of making the plans concrete now and starting the search for an architect, neighbourhood consultation, etc., the next step is:

There will be a new project leader who will work out the finances and investigate where those funds should come from. The money for the new construction of the school comes from the municipality and with co-financing from the Boor Foundation and the International schools themselves, but a number of other municipal components are also involved in funding (infrastructure, sports....). About 100 million euro is needed for the total budget. Discussions will now be held and a business case will be drawn up. The research itself will cost 1.5 million euros with the intention of getting money on the table.

A positive outcome is assumed; everyone assumes that the campus will be built. The start is expected to start in 2027

All in all it is taking longer than we thought. We will therefore continue to work together to bring construction forward, to accelerate the process because both International and bilingual education require a new building, which will create a good learning environment for all children.

As soon as there is more news, we will of course inform you.

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