



Merger newsletter

Summary

04-06-2021

Dear parents and carers of the children at Dr. Ariëns Elementary School and Holthuizen Elementary School,

In this merger newsletter summary, we would like to talk you through the steps we have taken recently.

Merger decision-making

For the decision-making of the merger, several steps have now been taken:

- A merger impact report has been prepared, in which the motives, objectives and effects of the merger have been elaborated.
- On 18 May 2021, the College of Mayor and Councillors of Haaksbergen Municipality delivered a favourable opinion on the proposed merger between the Holthuizen and Dr. Ariëns primary schools.
- The participation councils of the Holthuizen and Dr. Ariëns primary schools have agreed to the merger of the two schools. The letter from the participation councils attached to the merger newsletter contains an explanation and feedback on the consent decisions and the results of the parental consultation.

In the following steps, the Board of Directors of the Keender foundation will submit the final merger decision to the Dutch Catholic School Board and the Supervisory Board of the Keender foundation.

Call from the participation councils

The participation councils are planning to jointly explain the vision to the municipality: creating an optimal school building with at least good sports and childcare facilities.

If you want to work with the participation councils as a parent, or if you have other ideas or suggestions, please let us know at the following address: nieuwbouwhetpalet@gmail.com

Sports hall

The Keender foundation has explicitly drawn attention to the importance of a sports facility in the vicinity of the school. It has included this in a memorandum note to the municipality. The final decision of the Haaksbergen municipality on a sports facility at the new school building will be taken when the framework memorandum is drawn up.

Key dates:

- 28 June 2021: a hearing on the framework memorandum with the municipality of Haaksbergen.
- 14 July 2021: a substantive discussion of the framework memorandum with the municipality of Haaksbergen.

Information session

On 14 June, the municipality of Haaksbergen organises an information session about the new primary school for direct residents (specific starting times). If you have received the invitation, you can sign up by email using the email address provided in the invitation.

A look back on the 25 May workshop day

On 25 May, we held our fourth workshop day. An agreement has been reached between all teachers about how education will be provided. Over the next month, this will be recorded in the 'this is how we operate' manual.

During the workshop day, the working group in charge of the move discussed a way of getting the children used to the new school and the new groups. The internal supervisors have started to organise the classes according to the wishes and support needs of the children and the information provided by the teachers. Information about this will follow once the selections have been made.

A marketing agency has held a presentation about the new school's logo.

The teachers can start focusing on the move and the last weeks of the school year. On Thursday 8 July, the moving vans will be waiting at the Dr. Ariëns primary school. Meanwhile, the Holthuizen primary school will have an internal move. The plan is to have everything moved on Friday 9 July to start preparing everything for the new school year 2021-2022.

New construction working group

Led by Gerben van Heun (expert education and new construction), the new construction working group, consisting of Henri Verheij, Mirjam Haverkate and employees of both schools, will start working in various meetings on the educational elements they want to see in the new building. This process ultimately provides a (functional) programme of requirements that can form the basis for an architect to create a new school design.

Attention to the merger in the classroom

Over the past few weeks, the teachers have been discussing the merger with the pupils. After talking about it, the children have made a drawing or written a story.

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Timeline

This will give you a look at the timeline of the merger process. As the process progresses, the timeline will be completed further.

June

- Start of the relocation to Holthuizen Elementary School
- 28 June 2021: a hearing on the framework memorandum with the municipality of Haaksbergen

July

- Farewell ceremony at the Dr. Ariëns Elementary School location
- End of the school year 2020/2021
- 14 July 2021: a substantive discussion of the framework memorandum with the municipality of Haaksbergen

August

- Start of the school year 2021/2022 as a merged school in the building of Holthuizen Elementary School

With kind regards,

Henri Verheij, interim Principal at Dr. Ariëns Elementary School and Holthuizen Elementary School
Mirjam Haverkate, former acting Principal at Holthuizen Elementary School, involved in the merger process

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