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**For the attention of the Members of the  
European Schools' Community**

Dear Members of the European Schools' Community,

As we embark on a new school year, I want to extend my warmest greetings to all of you. As Secretary-General of the European Schools, I wish everyone a good and successful start, especially our new pupils, staff members and their families.

Reflecting on the past school year, we concluded the review of our 'Mission' and discussed intensively the 'Vision' for European Schools. Finally, the '[Mission and Vision of the European Schools](#)' was approved in June at an extraordinary meeting of the Board of Governors under the Cyprus Presidency.

It will now be one of the priorities of the Latvian Presidency to support the implementation of the 'Mission and Vision' at both school and system level, preparing our unique educational community for the future.

Another focus will be on the wellbeing of pupils and staff, as well as on further implementing the '[Action Plan](#)' following-up on the European Parliament's [Resolution](#) '*The system of the European Schools: state of play, challenges and perspectives*'.

A central element of our Vision and another priority of the Latvian Presidency is to strengthen the visibility of the European Schools within the wider European educational landscape. As also highlighted by the Parliament's Resolution, this will be benefitting the entire European Schools' system, including both 'traditional' and Accredited European Schools.

Looking ahead to the new school year, I am pleased to announce that in spring 2026, the European Schools will, for the second time, participate in the 'PISA for Schools' project, organised by the OECD. This time, also Accredited European Schools will participate in the project.

As Secretary-General, I am confident that our pupils will once again achieve outstanding results, as they did in the first round in 2022. These outcomes will help us develop further at both system and school level and will further enhance our visibility.

Finally, I would like to finish by wishing all of us a smooth (re)entry and a successful, inspiring school year 2025/26!

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary-General