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Dear Mr Hannaford,

Thank you for your letter dated 26th May 2012 regarding the education of our young Europeans, in particular the teaching of mathematics. I find your views very interesting and it certainly deserves a more in depth discussion. My services are going to forward your letter and its annexes to the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools so that it could be discussed during the next Joint Teaching Committee.

The Secretary-General is charged with representing the Board of Governors, which is the governing body of the European Schools. The mandate of the Board of Governors covers educational, administrative and financial issues. Issues to be discussed and decisions to be taken by the Board of Governors are first examined by a number of preparatory committees such as the Joint Teaching Committee which deals with pedagogical issues.

In the Joint Teaching committee, inspectors from all Member States and directors of European schools, together with representatives of teachers, parents and pupils and a representative of the European Commission and the European Patent Office, examine proposals concerning the organisation and curricula of schools. The next meeting of the Joint Teaching Committee is planned for mid-October.

I am sure the Secretary-General of the European Schools and the Joint Teaching Committee will pay to your reflections all the attention they deserve.

Yours sincerely,

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