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To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
Drs. R.E. Samuel
Government Administration Building
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, January 18, 2021

Re: Questions from MP S.L. Duncan regarding the Impact of COVID-19 on Education

Hon. Minister Samuel,

Herewith I submit to you questions posed by Member of Parliament, Ms. S.L. Duncan pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and Article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

R. Brison
President of Parliament



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RE: Impact of Covid 19 on Education – Questions to MIN ECYS

Dear Mr. Chairman,

The education sector and our students have been tremendously impacted by the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Since our initial lockdown there's been a shift from physical to online learning. Some schools are currently using a blended approach, others are not. What is not certain at this time however, is the impact of the school shut down and the last nine months on our students' learning abilities and development. Despite the negative effects, this is also an opportunity to reform the current education system and make improvements.

I hereby submit the following questions to the Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport (ECYS);

1. Can we expect to receive a State of Education Report 2020 that encompasses the impact of COVID-19 on our students and if yes, when?
2. What are the current best practices in regards to teaching/learning according to the various schools now that in-school operations have commenced?
3. Have the most vulnerable students been effectively assisted since the reopening of schools and how?
4. Have teachers and school staff been surveyed on their opinions and experiences over the last few months? If yes, can the results be shared? If no, is there a plan to do such?
5. What are your plans to address the impacts of COVID 19 on education?

If we are to ensure that our students are successful, after we have endured this pandemic, we need to ensure that the systems are working to meet their needs.

Thank you for your cooperation in forwarding this letter to the Minister of ECYS and I look forward to a response at his earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

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Member of Parliament