



Pinneberg, 07/12/2023

Dear School Community,

Today, I address you in a matter of great importance. The city of Pinneberg has decided that our elementary school will become a two-stream school throughout. However, under the current conditions, this plan is not feasible. Our elementary schoolyard is too small and too noisy, and the existing children's toilets are far from sufficient. It is, therefore, of the utmost urgency that, in the event of expanding our elementary school, a second playground and an additional toilet facility must be built.

To create additional classrooms, more containers will be installed at the rear schoolyard. This will reduce the playground area for secondary school students. Additionally, our sports field and running track will be significantly diminished by the second playground for the elementary school and its access. More secondary school classes will need to take the bus to other sports halls, and it is very likely that our Redwood tree will be cut down due to the new fire department access.

The decision to make our elementary school two-stream has far-reaching negative consequences for us. In this context, a meeting of the school committee took place in our school cafeteria on November 28, 2023, accompanied by a prior on-site inspection. Thanks to diverse contributions from colleagues, parents, and student representatives, we were able to vividly present our arguments to the committee members.

At this point, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks on behalf of our school community to all who supported us in this meeting. Your presence and assistance were of decisive importance!

We have achieved a lot! We ensured that the second schoolyard and the expansion of the toilet facilities, despite limited financial resources, were included in the resolution proposal for the council meeting. Furthermore, we were able to insist that both our Parents' Council and us, the school administration, be involved in the planning of the elementary schoolyard and its layout.

This is a great success! However, we have not yet achieved our goal. The expanded resolution proposal still needs to be approved by the council. Only then can we be sure that the expansion of the schoolyard and the construction of the toilets will take place. Our presence and commitment are once again needed! We must make it clear that the expansion of the elementary school pains us deeply and advocate with all our strength for the overall package.



Similar to the school committee meeting, at the beginning of the public session of the council, there is a citizens' question time. Here, Pinneberg residents have the right to ask questions to which the committee must respond. They can also provide statements on our matter. Not everyone who supports us needs to speak, but each person who attends makes us stronger! The citizens' question time lasts about 30 minutes. We are convinced that together we have a lot to say!

To avoid repetition and present all arguments during the question time, it is important for teachers, parents, and student representatives to coordinate with each other! I may refer parents to our SEB chairman, Mr. Welter, as the contact person, and the student representatives can contact Ms. Pari, our liaison teacher.

The council meeting will take place on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM in Meeting Room C at the town hall. We appeal for your strong support – please attend in large numbers!

Together, we can make a significant contribution to ensuring that the overall package receives the necessary approval and that our school environment continues to be developed in an optimal way. Feel free to contact me and thank you very much for your support!

Best regards,