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The Association of the Parents' Associations of  
the European Schools  
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Dear Ms Gorey,

President Barroso asked me to answer your letter of 20 October regarding the Commission position in the Board of Governors of the European Schools of 14-15 April 2010.

Let me first underline that the positions taken by my colleagues on the Board of Governors, do, of course, entirely reflect the political orientations of the Commission.

In your letter, you raise the question of the governance within the European Schools System (ESS) and the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board of Governors and of the European Commission.

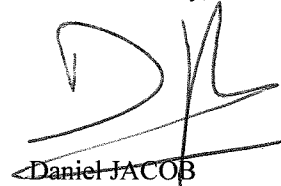
The Commission has a double role within the ESS, as a member of the Board of Governors and also as a provider of a subsidy representing about 60% of the budget of the ESS.

In this latter respect, the Institution is obliged to comply with the rules provided for in the financial regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities. It is in this capacity that the Authorising officer by sub-delegation issued the pre-information letters you quote in your letter.

These letters were justified by the fact that the organisation of some language L1 courses for children without linguistic section was not in line with the rules defined by the Board of Governors.

I will be happy to discuss these issues with you and give you any clarification you might need at your best convenience. Please contact my secretariat (Ms Sinead MC LOUGHLIN, telephone +32 2 29 91259) to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

  
Daniel JACOB