

Berlin, 22nd April 2013

Dear parents of QBES and the Biesalski School,

Please find attached a document which is referred to as a Local Residents' Petition ('*Einwohnerantrag*'). This has been prepared by Parent Representatives and Regelschulzweig AG members from both the Biesalski-Schule and the Quentin-Blake-Europe School. Please find overleaf the English translation of the Local Residents' Petition. This is for information purposes only. Please note that ONLY the German version should be used to collect signatures.

The Local Residents' Petition is a legal instrument which we can use to request that the District Authorities' Assembly ('*Bezirksverordnetenversammlung*') for the borough of Steglitz-Zehlendorf agrees to consider that new school buildings are immediately required due to the drastic increase in families with children moving into the direct vicinity of the two schools.

At least 1,000 valid signatures are required for the Local Residents' Petition to become effective. Only signatures from residents who are at least 16 years old at the date of the signature and live and are registered in the borough of Steglitz-Zehlendorf (as their primary or secondary residence) are valid.

If you would like to support the Local Residents' Petition, please sign it and pass it to as many of your family, friends, neighbours and acquaintances as possible for them to sign (provided they meet the criteria above).

Please return the completed Local Residents' Petition with signatures by **15th May 2013** either to the *Förderverein*/Friends of the Quentin Blake Europe School (letterbox outside the secretaries' office, on the first floor of QBES) or to the secretaries' offices of either school, where there will be boxes to collect the Petition papers.

You can also send the document by post to:

Förderverein der Quentin-Blake-Europa-Schule e.V.
c/o Quentin-Blake-Grundschule
Hüttenweg 40, 14195 Berlin

Please visit our new website to find out more about issues surrounding the introduction of a regular German school stream onto our campus at Hüttenweg 40: <http://www.schulkindern-raum-geben.de>. There you will find information about current activities and media coverage, as well as the Local Residents' Petition itself. You can also download further signature pages from the Petition at this website if you need them.

The more signatures and public attention we can get, the more likely it is that we will be able to influence the future of our schools. Please get involved and help make it happen!

Yours Sincerely,

Chairperson of GEV Biesalski-Schule Gudrun Streit
Chairperson of GEV QBES Franz Pfeifer
Chairperson of Friends of QBES (Förderverein) Kathrin Finke

(signatures as on German version of this letter)

**English Translation of
“EINWOHNERANTRAG”**

LOCAL RESIDENTS’ PETITION

Sheet No.

Residents from the borough of Steglitz-Zehlendorf have signed the petition below and request that the District Authorities’ Assembly (‘BVV’) agree to the following:

The District Authorities Assembly (‘BVV’) for the borough of Steglitz-Zehlendorf agrees to request that the Borough Authorities (‘Bezirksamt’) investigate the immediate provision of additional capacity and space for primary schools in the vicinity of Truman Plaza.

Explanatory Note

At present, there are major construction works underway in the direct vicinity of the former Truman Plaza (including Fünf Morgen, Metropolitan Gardens, Oskar Helene Park, Dahlem Paradise and Parkviertel Dahlem) which creates densely developed housing for thousands of people. The Senate for Education in this borough predicts that there will be a further 11,000 residents in the next ten years. For the children moving into the area, the body which maintains and regulates the schools at Hüttenweg 40 proposes to accommodate at least 150 further children there by introducing a regular German school stream. In return, however, no extensions to the existing buildings have been envisaged to-date; instead, classrooms are to be divided and subject-specific rooms are either to disappear completely or be re-allocated. The recognised educational concepts of the two schools at this location – the Biesalski School (a special needs school, with emphasis on physical disabilities) and the Quentin Blake Europe School (a state-run, compulsory all-day school) – can not be implemented if 10 rooms (6 classrooms, staff rooms for teachers and educators and recreation rooms required for all-day care) are claimed in this way; every one of these rooms is already fully occupied. For these reasons the borough needs to provide additional primary school capacity and space: this can either be accomplished by building a new primary school in the vicinity of Truman Plaza or by extending the existing school premises at Hüttenweg 40. New building developments should not be at the expense of children!

I support this Local Residents’ Petition with my signature.

Please fill in, clearly legibly!

(Persons authorised to sign must at least be 16 years old at the date of the signature and be registered living in the borough of Steglitz-Zehlendorf (as their primary or secondary residence))

No.	Surname, Name(s)	Date of Birth dd.mm.yyyy	Address (Street, No., Postal Code)	Date of Signature	Signature	For official use only
[Please fill in and sign the original German EINWOHNERANTRAG only]						

The following persons act as representatives for the signees:
Gudrun Streit – Franz Pfeifer – Prof. Jens Rolff
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