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Onderwerp: Zonova and Swazoom Childcare merger effective July 1, 2024

Dear parent(s), caregiver(s),

*From working together to being jointly responsible for children ages 2-13.*

Your son or daughter attends a Zonova school. Thank you very much for your trust in our schools and our foundation. With this letter I would like to inform you about the merger between Zonova Foundation and Swazoom Childcare Foundation.

Zonova and Swazoom Childcare have long been working closely together, often from the same school building. We work together so that we can help children from 2 to 13 years old develop as well as possible. A merger is a logical step to cooperate even better in the interest of all children in Amsterdam Zuidoost. On Thursday, July 4, I officially signed the merger agreement on behalf of Zonova with my colleague director of Swazoom Kinderopvang, Birgit Haanstra. This makes the merger a fact. This gives us in Zuidoost the first in the city: it is the first merger between childcare and primary education in Amsterdam!

## **A promising start for every child in Southeast**

This merger gives children more equal opportunities. Our children in Zuidoost are the future. Ultimately it is the social mission of education and child care that all children can develop optimally. We are moving from working together to being responsible together. "It is important that all children growing up in Southeast get all the opportunities and possibilities to develop as optimally as possible, to grow, to develop talents," said Birgit Haanstra, director of Swazoom Childcare.

## **Progressive**

Working together and being jointly responsible from one organization as one team offers new opportunities to do more for children, parents and employees. This will ensure a continuous development line, a rich school day and broad talent development of children. But also for broader career and development opportunities for employees and the possibility of full time jobs. Furthermore, there will be one central point for parents with children ages 2-13. With the aim for the future of a total offer for children aged 0-13.

## **In practice**

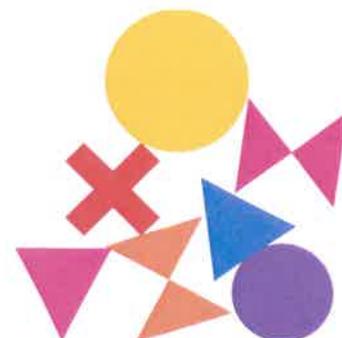
The merger is a first step in this. For you and your child(ren) nothing will change.

After the summer vacations you will bring your child to the familiar school with the same name, where your own masters and teachers will be ready to make it a great year. In the coming years, these teachers at the school of your child(ren) will increasingly work together with the colleagues of Swazoom Childcare. At Zonova schools where childcare is arranged by other providers, we will continue in the same way. After all, only together do we make a difference for the children in Zuidoost.

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If you have any questions about this letter, you can always reach me at [bestuur@zonova.nl](mailto:bestuur@zonova.nl).  
Also, outside of school vacations, you are welcome every week at my walk-in consultation hour for parents;  
that is on Fridays from 3 pm to 4 pm at the Zonova office in Reigersbos:

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Sincerely,



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