



Explanation of the form “Opgave Werkdrukmiddelen vo”

Schools in the Caribbean Netherlands are not covered by the collective labour agreement for secondary education, in which agreements were made on the spending of funds for measures to relieve pressure of work.

However, the Caribbean Netherlands also faces similar issues related to pressure of work. For this reason, it has been decided at ministerial level to make funds available to relieve pressure of work also for schools in the Caribbean Netherlands. The available budget is EUR 1.1 million (roughly USD 1.1 million) per year.

The competent authority will receive these funds as a per-pupil amount. For schools on Saba and St Eustatius, a higher amount per pupil will be made available than for schools on Bonaire. This is due to the higher price levels on Saba and St Eustatius.

The competent authority will account for the use of the supplementary funding in the Annual Report in accordance with the BES Annual Education Reporting Scheme (Regeling jaarverslaggeving onderwijs BES). The form “Opgave Werkdrukmiddelen vo” (Statement of Measures to Relieve Pressure of Work in Secondary Education) enables the competent authority to provide additional information.

This form must be submitted in digital format before 1 July 2025 to:
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