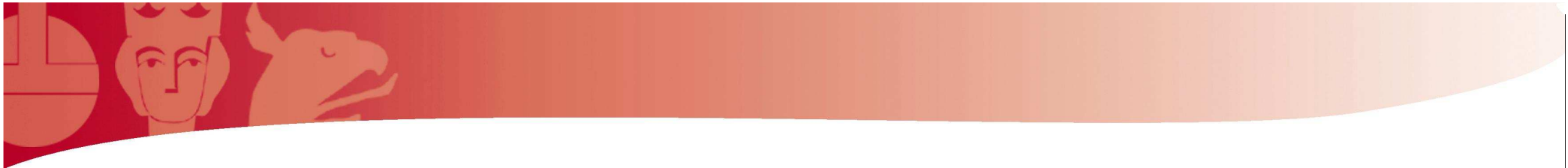




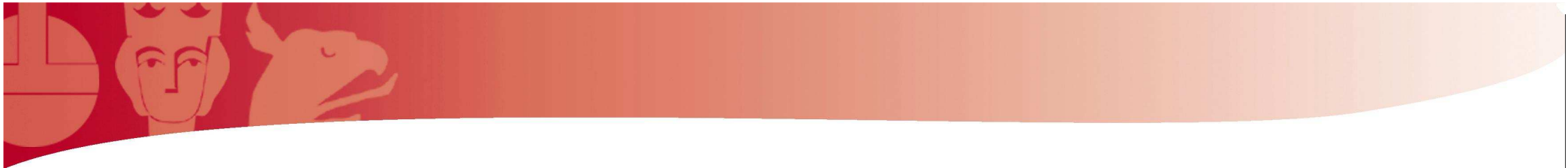
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Per Unckel, Governor of Stockholm
Former Minister of Education and Science



A changing world...

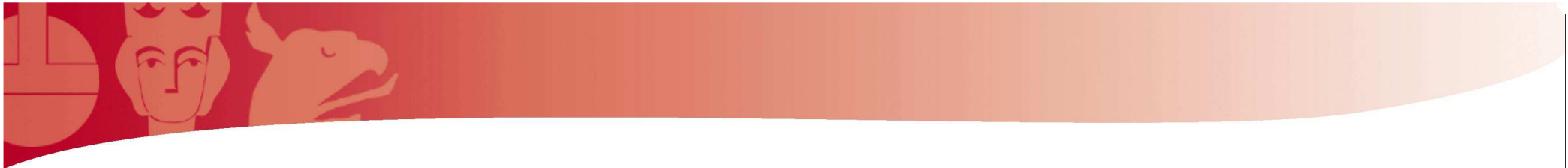


Major consequences

Market economy dominant world order

Global interdependence

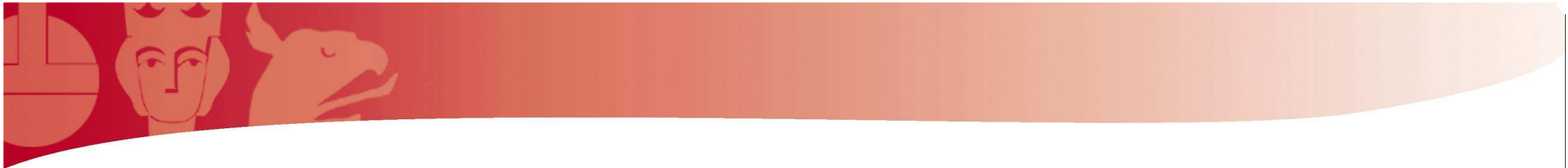
Information technology revolution



Not a threat

Rapid changes

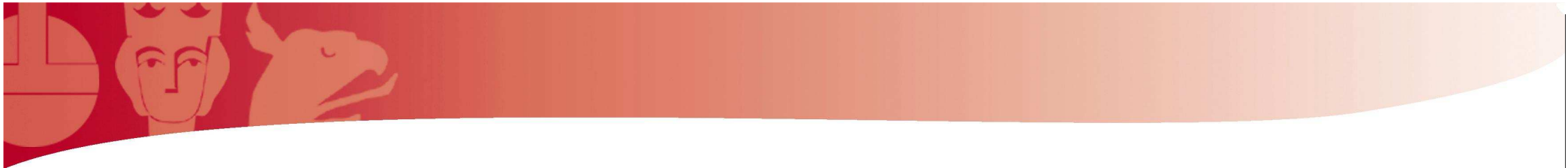
Increased competition



No automatic victories

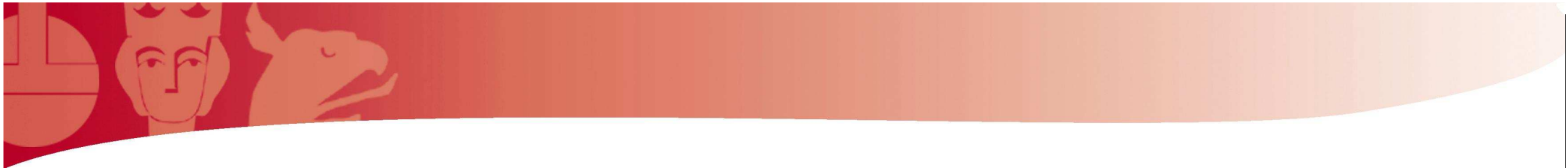
Tremendous possibilities

Necessary to adapt



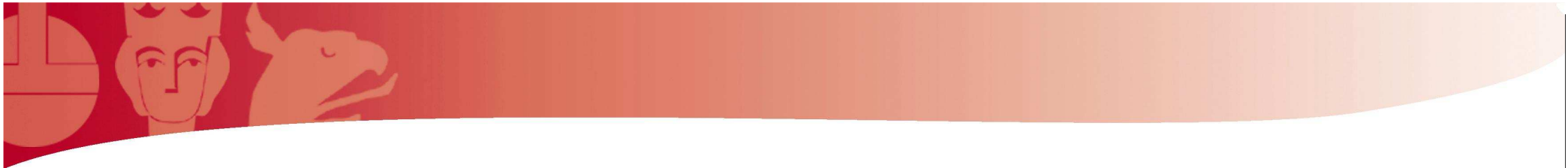
Education at a crossroad

Knowledge, creativity and originality
preconditions for competitiveness



A general point of departure

School systems
closer to crisis than to success



Major school problems

Lack of prestige

Lack of discipline

Low teacher salaries



Educational reform necessary

Part of public sector monopoly



Sweden

- 9 miljon inhabitants
- 450 000 square kilometers
- 22 people per square kilometer
- 335 700 SEK GDP per capita

Stockholm region

- 20 percent of Sweden's population
- generates 30 percent of Sweden's economy
- one third of the inhabitants of the Stockholm region are born abroad or have at least one parent born abroad



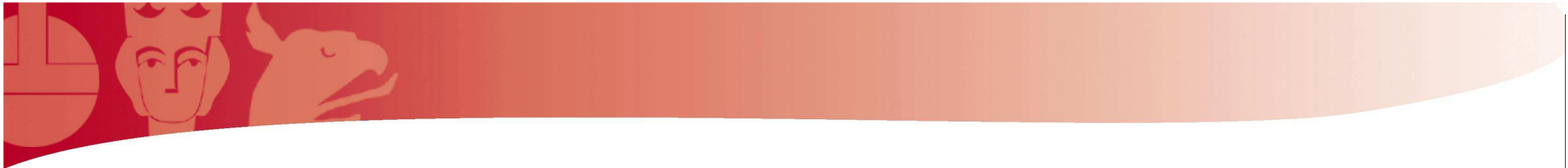
Sweden's educational system

National curriculum

National education law

Local responsibility for offering students
educational possibilities

Local financial responsibility



Basic reform element

Schools must be more dynamic
to meet future demands

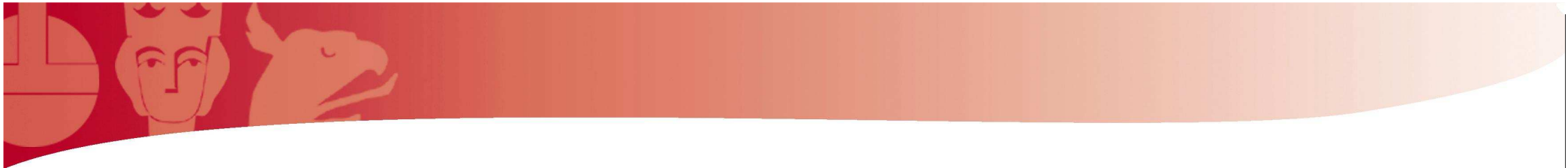


A new "Swedish model"

Common goals

Common finance

but in addition...



Choice for students and parents



Reform in practice

”Voucher” to each student

Licensed schools

No demands for special profile

National curriculum



Early results

Rapid increase of alternatives – and not only
in big cities

Higher quality also in public schools

Popular support

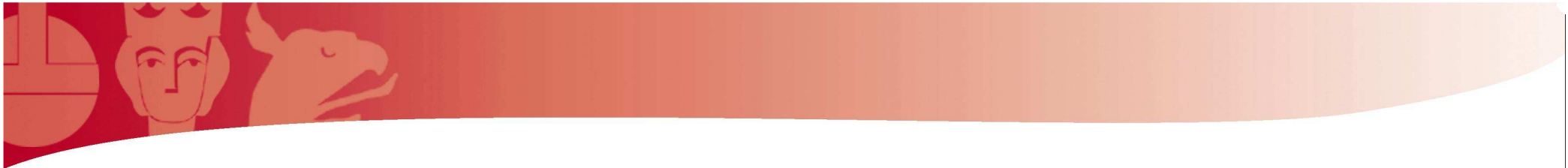


And in practice

Students in non-public schools
almost 10 percent

Teacher and parent cooperatives

Number of national school companies



In conclusion

Common responsibility

Competition to attract students



A final observation

What is possible for schools is also possible for kindergartens, homes for elderly and health care