SCHOOL COUNCILS

Your Participation Matters

School Council elections in all State School will be held in January 2017. The results of these elections will determine the composition of the School Council for the period between January 2017 and December 2018.

School Councils at the Primary and Secondary Level are made up of a President, the Head of School, three parents and three members of the teaching staff. Both parents and members of the teaching staff are elected, the former by parents/guardians of students and the latter by the school's teaching grades, KGAs and LSAs

The role of these Councils is not limited to fund raising and similar activities.

School Councils are entitled to:

- administer the funds and assets of the school.
- discuss the school environment and the school amenities and propose ways to ameliorate them.
- discuss the curriculum and the educational services offered by the school and make suggestions to the Directorate of Education regarding changes or additions to the
- Alert the Minister of Education, or any official nominated by him, to shortcomings existing in the school or other matters related to the school
- discuss and monitor any environmental problems
- discuss any problems related to students' well-being

Parents are encouraged to use their right of contesting and to vote in the forthcoming School Council elections

As Parents your participation matters

Important Dates:

9th January 2017: Opening of Nominations

18th January 2017: Closure of Nominations

31st January 2017: Voting day (*you can also send your vote through the post or with your son/daughter)*

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017-2018

School Council Elections are being held as on **Tuesday, 31st January 2017** in all State Schools in Malta and Gozo**.**

The School Council is made up of:

- A President nominated by the Minister for Education and Employment
- A Secretary / Treasurer who is the Head of School
- Three representatives elected by and from the Teaching Staff
- Three representatives elected by and from the Parents/Guardians whose children attend the particular School

(In the case of post-16 students the three members are elected by and from the students)

School Councils are regulated by the 1988 Education Act and School Councils Regulations of 1993 as amended in 2007.

School Councils are an important forum where teachers and parents work together for the benefit of the children and the school.

While the School Council is not responsible, and should not interfere, in the teaching and maintenance of discipline in school, it has the faculty of

- Administrating the funds and assets of the School
- Discussing the school environment and the school amenities and propose ways to ameliorate them.
- discussing the curriculum and the educational services offered by the school and make suggestions to the Department of Education regarding changes or additions to the curriculum.
- discussing and monitoring any environmental, transport and other problems
- organising fund raising activities as well as educational and cultural activities both for students and parents.

General Information

School Council Election are being held on **Tuesday, 31st January 2017**

Nominations

1. Nominations for these Councils open on the **9th January 2017 and close on the 18th January 2017 at 1.00pm**
2. Nomination forms can be picked from the school where the student attends. One can also apply for nomination through the Ministry of Education and Employment website.
3. Parents and guardians of students can stand for election and vote for the School Council at the school where their children attend.
4. Only one member from each family can participate as a candidate for the same school.

5. Parents can contest the elections for one or more Schools Council as long as their children attend those schools.
6. In the case of Resource Centres, only parents whose children are registered as full time students can participate in the elections, both as candidates as well as voters.
7. Parents of students in the last year of school can be nominated for the elections. Once their children finish school, it is up to them to decide whether or not to continue their term.
8. Parents who are also teachers can be nominated both as Teacher Representatives as well as Parent Representatives on the same Council but if they are elected for both posts they have to choose one of them. Teachers whose children attend a different school from where they teach can be Teacher Representatives in their school and Parent Representatives in their children's school.

Voting

9. Every parent/guardian is entitled to a Voting Document.

10. The voting document is to be sent with the student or by post.

11.The election process for the School Councils is known as 'first past the post' whereby voters are asked to mark their preferences by not more than three 'X's'

12. The Voting Document is to be sent to the school either by post or in a sealed envelope by child mail. ***Votes that are received at school after the 31st January 2017*** *will be considered as invalid. Parents can opt to cast their vote on the* ***31st January 2017*** *at the school indicated (during school hours). In that case they have to present the Voting Document sent to them. Any person without this Document will not be permitted to vote.*

Kunsilli Skolastiċi

<u>Is-Sehem Tiegħek Jagħmel Differenza</u>

Fil-31ta' Jannar 2017 ser isiru l-elezzjonijiet għall-Kunsilli Skolastiċi fl-Iskejjel tal-Istat. F'dawn l-elezzjonijiet jiġu eletti l-membri tal-Kunsilli Skolastiċi għas-sentejn li ġejjin (Jannar 2017- Diċembru 2018).

Il-Kunsilli Skolastiċi fl-iskejjel Primarji u Sekondarji huma magħmula minn President, il-Kap tal-Iskola, tliet ġenituri - eletti mill-ġenituri, u tliet għalliema - eletti mill-istaff akkademiku tal-iskola, KGAs u LSAs.

Il-ħidma tal-Kunsill Skolastiku mhux limitat għall-organizazzjoni u sehem f'attivitajiet biex jinġabru l-fondi, f'ħarġiet, f'attivitajiet soċjali u f'ħidmiet simili.

Il-ħidma tal-Kunsilli Skolastiċi jmur lil hemm minn dan. Il-Kunsilli Skolastiċi għandhom il-fakulta' li:

- Jamministraw ċertu fondi u assi tal-iskola.
- Jiddikutu metodi u mezzi biex tikber il-partċipazzjoni u kontribuzzjoni tal-ġenituri.
- jiddiskutu l-kurrikulu u s-servizzi edukattivi li toffri l-iskola
- jissuġġerixxu lid-Direttorattal-Edukazzjonitibdiljew żieda mal-kurrikulu.
- Jiġbdu l-attenzjoni tal-Ministru, jew kull uffiċċjal nominati minnu, dwar nuqqasijiet fl-Iskola u materji oħra li għandhom x'jaqsmu mal-iskola.
- jikkonsidraw t-titjibtal-ambjent fiżiku, kulturali, estetiku u morali tal-iskola u tal-post madwar l-iskola.
- jiddiskuti problemi relatati mal-istudenti bħala grupp.

Jekk int ġenitur titlifx din l-okkażjoni. Għin lill-Iskola ta' wliedek billi tikkontesta u tivvota fl-elezzjonijiet tal-Kunsilli Skolastiċi.

Uri li tinteressa ruħek fl-edukazzjoni ta' wliedek

Agħti sehemek f'dawn l-Elezzjonijiet

Dati:

9 ta' Jannar 2017: ***Jiftħu n-nominazzjonijiet***

18 ta' Jannar 2017: ***Jagħalqu n-nominazzjonijiet***

31 ta' Jannar 2017*: Issir il-votazzjoni*   (*Tista' tivvota wkoll billi tibgħat l-vot tiegħek bil-posta jew mat-tifel/tifla tiegħek)*

Elezzjonijiet - Kunsilli Skolastiċi 2015 – 2016

L-Elezzjonijiet tal-Kunsilli Skolastiċi għas-snin 2017 – 2018 ser isiru nhar it-**Tlieta, 31 ta' Jannar 2017** fl-Iskejjel kollha tal-Istat.

Il-Kunsilli Skolastiċi twaqqfu għall-ewwel darba permezz tal-Liġi tal-Edukazzjoni tal-1988 u huma rregolati mir-Regolamenti tal-Kunsilli Skolastiċi tal-1993 kif emendati fis-sena 2007.

Kull Kunsill Skolastiku huwa magħmul minn:

- President nominat mill-Ministru tal-Edukazzjoni u Impjiegi
- Segretarju/Teżorier - il-Kap tal-Iskola

- Tliet membri minn fost l-għalliema, Kindergarten Assistants, Learning Support Assistants u eletti mill-istess għalliema, Kindergarten Assistants, Learning Support Assistants.
- Tliet membri minn fost il-ġenituri/kustodji u eletti mill-istess ġenituri/kustodji

(Fil-każ ta' skejjel fejn l-istudenti għandhom 16-il sena jew aktar, minn fost l-istudenti u eletti mill-istess studenti.)

Il-Kunsill Skolastiku jġib flimkien lill-għalliema u l-ġenituri fejn dawn ikunu jistgħu jaħdmu flimkien għall-benefiċċju tal-istudenti u l-iskola fejn jattendu.

Għalkemm il-Kunsill Skolastiku mhux responsabbli, u anqas għandu jintervjeni, fejn jidħol it-tagħlim u d-dixxiplina fl-iskola, xorta għandu l-fakulta' li:

- Jamministra l-fondi u assi tal-iskola.
- Jiddiskuti metodi u mezzi biex tikber il-partċipazzjoni u kontribuzzjoni tal-ġenituri.

- jiddiskuti l-kurrikulu u s-servizzi edukattivi li toffri l-iskola
- jagħmel suġġerimenti lid-Dipartiment tal-Edukazzjoni dwar tibdil jew żieda mal-kurrikulu.
- jikkunsidra t-titjib tal-ambjent fiżiku, kulturali, estetiku u morali tal-iskola u tal-post madwar l-iskola
- jiddiskuti problemi relatati mal-istudenti bħala grupp
- jorganizza attivitajiet għal skop ta' ġbir ta' fondi, kif ukoll attivitajiet kulturali u edukattivi kemm għall-ġenituri kif ukoll għall-istudenti.

<u>Elezzjoni għaLl-Kunsilli tal-Iskejjel</u>

<u>Tagħrif</u>

L-Elezzjonijiet għall-Kunsilli Skolastiċi ser isiru nhar it-**Tlieta, 31 ta' Jannar 2017**

Nominazzjonijiet

1. In-Nominazzjonijiet għal dawn il-Kunsilli jinfetħu fid-**9 ta' Jannar 2017 u jagħlqu fit-18 ta' Jannar 2017 fis-1.00pm.**
2. In-Nominazzjonijiet jistgħu jinkisbu mill-iskejjel fejn il-ġenituri jkollhom it-tifel jew tifla. Wieħed jista' ukoll japplika minn fuq il-website tal-Ministeru tal-Edukazzjoni u Impjiegi.
3. F'kull skola huma eliġibbli għall-vot il-ġenituri/kustodji li għandhom ulied jattendu f'dik l-iskola.
4. Ma jistgħux jikkontestaw l-elezzjoni għall-istess Kunsill l-omm u l-missier flimkien imma xi ħadd minnhom biss.
5. Ġenitur jista' jikkontesta l-elezzjoni għal aktar minn Kunsill wieħed dment li għandu wlied f'dawk l-iskejjel.
6. Fil-każ taċ-Ċentri ta' Riżorsi, għandhom joħorġu għall-Kunsill u jivvutaw biss dawk il-ġenituri li wliedhom huma reġistrati full-time f'dawk l-iskejjel.

7. Genituri li uliedhom huma fl-aħħar sena skolastika jistgħu jikkontestaw l-elezzjonijiet. Ladarba t-tfal tagħhom jispiċċaw mill-iskola dawn jistgħu jagħżlu jekk ikomplux it-term tagħhom jew le.
8. Ġenituri li huma għalliema jistgħu jikkontestaw l-elezzjoni kemm bħala ġenituri kif ukoll bħala għalliema ġol-istess skola iżda la darba jiġu eletti jistgħu jżommu biss post wieħed fil-Kunsill. Ġenituri għalliema li għandhom it-tfal tagħhom ġo skola differenti minn fejn jgħallmu huma, jistgħu jżommu iż-żewġ

Votazzjoni

9. Kull ġenitur/kustodju għandu/ għandha dritt għall- Vot .
10. Il- dokument tal- vot jintbagħat mal-istudenti jew bil-posta.
11. Is-sistema tal-elezzjonijiet għall-Kunsilli tal-iskejjel hija dik magħrufa bħala *'first past the post'* fejn il-Votanti jintalbu jimmarkaw il-preferenzi tagħhom permezz ta' mhux aktar minn tliet slaleb.
12. Id-dokument tal-Vot mimli jista' jintbagħat l-iskola bil-posta jew mat-tfal f' envelopp issiġillat. ***Voti li jaslu l-iskola wara it-31 ta' Jannar 2015 jitqiesu bħala invalidi.*** Il-ġenitur/kustjodju jista' ukoll, **fil-31 ta' Jannar 2017**, imur l-iskola, waqt il-ħin tal-Iskola, u jivvota personalment. F'dan il-kas irid jieħu miegħu d-dokument tal-Vot li ntbagħat id-dar. Min ma jieħux dan id-dokument tal-Vot ma jistax jivvota.