

2018 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

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A summary of the salient activities and initiatives taken by the Maltese Association of Parents of State School Students during 2018 is the following:

- MAPSSS Committee members participated in the Focus Groups organised by the Benchmark Review Board. MAPSSS provided also the contacts of parents in Year 6 and Year 7 to participate in these Focus Groups
- MAPSSS provided written feedback to the Assessment Unit regarding the current Benchmark Examinations
- MAPSSS Committee members called for a meeting with MEDE Officials regarding the change in the assessment system. This meeting was eventually set between MAPSSS committee members and Mr. Gaetano Bugeja (Director Learning and Assessment Programme) and Mr. Stephen Cachia (DG)
- MAPSSS provided feedback to Malta Today about the shift to continuous assessment in schools
- MAPSSS provided feedback to Lisa Marie Foundation about iKydz parenting tool
- Ruben Overend attended to the Homework Policy Launch on behalf of MAPSSS
- In March, MAPSSS provided written feedback regarding the proposed school transport system to Logistics and Support Unit at MEDE. Glorianne Borg Axisa attended a meeting on this regard.
- MAPSSS provided feedback on the end of year examinations timetable to the Assessment Unit
- MAPSSS forwarded the parents' comments regarding to the school uniforms to Ms. Maria McNamara (DG)
- MAPSSS voiced the parents concern about the quality of the audio used during the listening comprehension exams of the primary classes. This was followed by the Assessment Unit - who will be checking all the audio facilities in the schools.
- Glorianne Borg Axisa participated in the TV programme Arena regarding the education system in general.
- MAPSSS published a public statement regarding the threat of the teachers' strike
- Glorianne Borg Axisa was invited by the Faculty of Social Wellbeing and the Faculty of Education to attend a closed discussion on Ensuring Quality Early Childhood Education
- Glorianne Borg Axisa participated in the round table discussion of the MUT Seminar regarding the International tests as Pirls Pisa an Thyms entitled as MAPSSS representative
- Glorianne Borg Axisa as MAPSSS representative lead the workshop for parents in the conference entitled: 'The Child in Early Childhood Education' organised by Lisa Maria Foundation
- Glorianne Borg Axisa as MAPSSS representative on the Council for the Teaching Profession attended the seminar organised by Directorate for Education entitled Guidelines on Social Media



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- MAPSSS provided feedback to the Assessment Unit regarding the Addressee of the school reports/examination marks
- MAPSSS keeps providing feedback to the Assessment Unit regarding difficulties parents are facing in relation to the shift to continuous assessment
- MAPSSS is liaising with the office of the Permanent secretary and Directorate of Education Services to organise MAPSSS elections in 2019.

Throughout 2018, MAPSSS committee members participated in the following committees:

Committee/Councils/ Board	MAPSSS Representative
National Curriculum Framework Board	Simon Scicluna
Council for the Teaching Profession	Glorianne Borg Axisa
Institute of Education Board	Edward Scerri

During the past year MAPSSS committee members communicated mainly through emails and social media, namely facebook

ACTION PLAN

This is the plan of action that MAPSSS Committee intends to focus on during 2019:

- **MAPSSS committee would like to promote further the association in view of the upcoming MAPSSS committee elections.**
- **MAPSSS will be preparing for the elections of a new committee as stated in MAPSSS statute.**
- **MAPSSS intends to liaise further with Education Logistics and Support Unit MEDE with regards to school transport.**
- **MAPSSS intends to liaise further with the Assessment Unit with regards to the shift to continuous assessment and the introduction of the Learning Outcomes framework**
- **MAPSSS intends to follow up meetings with DQSE and DES related to any reforms in the structure of the education system and curriculum planning including:**
 - **Parents involvement through school councils and parents' day**
 - **Support to non-Maltese parents**
 - **Any arising issues**

MAPSSS will participate activity in any stakeholders' dialogue that may take place during 2019 for the best interest of students attending state schools.

Endorsed by:

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