

# Students, Parents and Teachers request suspension of the four-month exams.



The indifference and I do what I want attitude, presented by the Minister of Education and Culture, towards everything that is happening in Education, is unprecedented. The indifference shown in recent months by everything that students, parents and teachers are shouting, is like another bad joke of the DISY-Anastasiadis government.

From September, it seemed that the schools would continue / start with the problems that existed

from the previous school year. The summer passed and the Ministry of Education did not do anything, as a result of which the year starts with a week delay and there are not enough rooms and desks for the students. The schools left them unprepared, unable to welcome students for the new school year. In fact, many of the problems continue to this day.

Through a joint announcement, the organized parents, students and teachers, state that it is a common finding for the difficulty but also the peculiarity of this year. They jointly request the suspension of the examinations of the Four Months for the first and second years of both Lyceums and Technical Schools.

It should not be a request but a self-evident need, and the Ministry should rise to the occasion due to the circumstances, of the difficult school year that students, teachers and parents are going through. We ask that the concerns of the protagonists be heard within the schools and their families. The obsession of the Minister will again lead education to new adventures with students and their future as victims. It is necessary to immediately suspend the exams every four months and to update the curriculum. If the Minister cannot handle it, let those involved intervene immediately, to save what is saved from this school year.



### Ζητούμε την αναστολή των εξετάσεων Α' Τετραμήνου για την Α' και Β' τάξη Λυκείων και Τεχνικών Σχολών

Αποτελεί κοινή διαπίστωση όλων των αρμόδιων και εμπλεκόμενων φορέων στον χώρο της εκπαίδευσης ότι η φετινή σχολική χρονιά είναι δύσκολη και θλιβερή, αφού διεξάγεται προσεχώς στην επιδημιολογική κατάσταση που επιφέρει η συνεχώς κλιμακούμενη πανδημία. Ερωσιάζομαστε ήδη στην τελευταία περίοδο πριν τη διεξαγωγή των Εξετάσεων Α' Τετραμήνου για τις Α' και Β' τάξεις Λυκείων και Τεχνικών Σχολών που είναι προγραμματισμένες για τον Ιανουάριο και δεν μπορούμε παρά να εκφράσουμε την ανησυχία μας για τα προβλήματα που διαβλέπουμε να προκύψουν.

Από την έναρξη της σχολικής χρονιάς τον περασμένο Σεπτέμβριο μέχρι και σήμερα ένας σημαντικό αριθμός παιδιών και σε δημοτικές χρονιές περιόδους έχουν μπει σε αποσιτορισμό, με αποκτάρατα να διακοπώνται της εκπαίδευσης λειτουργίας των σχολικών Λυκειακών κτιρίων στις επαρχίες Αιγαίου και Πέλοπος. Για κάποιους μαθητές οι μέρες αυτές μπορεί να ήταν μόνο 15, για κάποιους άλλους πολύ περισσότερες.

Σεβόμαστε και σε καμία περίπτωση δεν αμφισβητούμε την αξία και συνεισφορά της εκπαίδευσης, η οποία όπως αναφέρεται και στην εισαία νομοθεσία είναι η δεύτερη επιλογή και ουσιαστική επιλογή ανάγκης, όταν και όπου δεν μπορεί να εφαρμοστεί η διαδικασία με φυσική παρουσία των μαθητών. Είναι όμως γενικά παραδεκτό και αποδεχόμενο ότι η εκπαίδευση διαδραματίζει έναν σημαντικό ρόλο στην διατήρηση της ζωής, ενώ παράλληλα διεξάγεται με φερενές τεχνικές διαδικασίες.

Τα διάφορα προβλήματα, υλικοτεχνικά ή άλλα, έχουν δημιουργήσει σοβαρή ανομοιομορφία ανάμεσα στα παιδιά, αναφορικά με τη διδασκαλία ύλη, την αξιολόγηση και την κάλυψη κανόν (που υπάρχουν από την προηγούμενη χρονιά), ακόμα και μέσα σε κάθε σχολική μονάδα.

Η Παράρτηρα Συνεργασίας Γενικών Μέσων Εκπαίδευσης, η ΟΕΔΕΚΕ και η ΠΕΕΕΜ, έχοντας ως μόνιμη αξία και κίνητρο το συμφέρον των παιδιών, μετά από συνεχείς συζητήσεις τόσο μεταξύ τους όσο και με το ίδιο το Υπουργείο Παιδείας, Πολιτισμού, Αθλητισμού και Νεολαίας και συμπεριλαμβανομένων τον ίδιο στόχο της διασφάλισης και υλοποίησης μιας αξιοπρεπούς σχολικής χρονιάς για όλους τους μαθητές, εκφράζουμε την κοινή εισηγήση και έκκληση μας προς το Υπουργείο όπως ανασταλούν οι εξετάσεις για το Α' Τετράμηνο της φετινής σχολικής χρονιάς, που προγραμματίζονται να γίνουν στην Α' και Β' τάξη Λυκείων και Τεχνικών Σχολών.

Παράλληλα εκφράζουμε από κοινού την προθυμία για έναν εποικοδομητικό διάλογο και συνεργασία με το ΥΠΠΑΝ για την εξεύρεση κοινά αποδεκτών λύσεων για την ολοκλήρωση των μαθητών/μαθητριών της Α' και Β' τάξης Λυκείων και Τεχνικών Σχολών για το δύσκολο και ιδιαιτερότερο τετράμηνο το οποίο διανύουμε.

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# EDON supports the #Right2Cure #Right toTherapy campaign

**T**he spread of COVID-19 has made it clear that health is a public good and access to a free health care system is a right and not a privilege. The inability of health systems to respond to this emergency has painfully confirmed the unpopularity of the neoliberal policies pursued in recent years in Europe.

Right now, the whole of Europe is facing a new challenge. In the process of providing the vaccine, will governments finally do what is necessary or will they see it as another opportunity for the pharmaceutical industry to hoard?

States have a clear responsibility to ensure that the vaccine and any treatment for coronavirus reach everyone.

For this reason, as EDON we participate in the European Citizens' Initiative #Right2Cure #Right toTherapy, together with a broad alliance of organizations, trade unions, NGOs, health professionals and experts from EU Member States we invite everyone to sign up.

Together we demand from the European Commission:

- To ensure free access for all and sundry to safe and effective treatments and vaccines that are a universal public good
- To ensure that any copyright on drugs and vaccines will not restrict the availability of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines
- Do not allow drug giants to speculate to the detriment of the health of the people

. Put public health above private profits

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# The government cuts 2 million from the IKYK budget.

**A**fter the latest amendments brought by the Government for the state budget of 2021, it seems that the students will pay the price again. More specifically, they are proceeding with an amendment that reduces the budget of the State Scholarship Foundation from 8.8 million to 6.8 million, ie cuts of 2 million euros.

Instead of the Government further supporting the IKYK in order to enable the provision of more scholarships, especially in the categories of scholarships that give more weight to the social and economic criteria, it proceeds to the serious reduction of the IKYK budget, at the same time the real IKYK expenditure for 2019 exceeded 8.4 million euros. These are unacceptable amendments, especially at a time when the majority of Cypriot households are facing serious financial problems. Unfortunately, the social demand and need for a modern welfare state runs counter once again to the neoliberal policies of the Government.

At the same time, the Ministry of Education decided to grant an additional Christmas allowance to students eligible for student support according to the public positions of the Minister of Education and an announcement by the Ministry of Education, amounting to € 200. It has been observed and complained, by the Progressive KF, that such a thing does not apply and that there is confusion as



to who in the end are the beneficiaries. The Ministry of Education should immediately clarify to the students and their families what is valid. In addition, the government continues to be reluctant to respond politically in practice to the needs of students as it does not cover what has been lost from cuts in student care in recent years, let alone continuing them.



# The biggest strike of all time in India!

**T**he largest strike ever in the world took place on November 26! 250 million Indian workers and farmers took part in a nationwide strike against the anti-labor measures of the neoliberal government of India. If we add to the anti-popular measures, the impoverishment of a large part of the population, the increase in socio-economic inequalities caused by the pandemic and the surge in unemployment to 27%, then we are talking about an explosive situation in the second largest population in the world.

The reason for the strike was the changes promoted by the right-wing Modi government in the legislative framework to concentrate agricultural production, attract foreign investment and facilitate the action of monopolies in the agri-food sector. The new measures provide preferential taxation to large investors and change the farmers' protection net in favor of the liberalization of the agricultural market, ignoring the situation of small and medium-sized farmers.

The strike was launched by farmers with the main demands being the protection of small producers, the implementation of existing provisions



to support farmers and the strengthening of support for farmers affected by the crisis created by the pandemic. The farmers were immediately supported by workers and students. In addition, the unions participating in the World Trade Union Federation are leading the strike.

Despite the brutal repression of the government that even led to the arrest of local MPs (of the CCP (Marxist) and other opposition parties) and the hardships brought by the pandemic, millions of people continue to strike and mobilize to this day proving that

even in difficult circumstances the peoples will always find the way of resistance and claim. As EDON, we express our solidarity with the struggling people of India in their just struggle. Strength until victory.

