

January 2015

Dear Parent,

This year, on the 23rd January 2015 in conjunction with the School Council elections, the election to fill the vacant posts of the Executive Committee of the Maltese Association of Parents of State School Students (MAPSSS) shall also be held.

MAPSSS (www.mapsss.org) is a very young Association that was registered as a Non-Governmental Organisation in March 2014 to be the voice of parents of students attending a state school in Malta and Gozo. It intends to strengthen partnership among parents, educators and the Maltese Educational Authorities, and policy makers in particular by strengthening the concept of parental involvement in state schools. You can become a MAPSSS member free of charge by joining us through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/MAPSSS/).

Please browse our website to have a look at some of the activities and meetings MAPSSS has had in the short time frame since it has been established. It is a modest but encouraging start and there is surely much more that needs and can be done in the interest of our children.

The time has now come for you to take the opportunity and participate actively in MAPSSS by contesting the election, to be elected to represent the College being attended by your child. The intention is to have a parent represent each of the ten Colleges in Malta and Gozo together with a representative from the Higher Secondary Schools. If you are interested to contest, please download and fill in a candidature application form from our website and send back to MAPSSS by the 15th January 2014 either by post or by email. Further details about the 2015 MAPSSS election procedure can be found from our website.

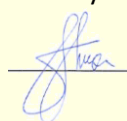
Besides the core roles of the President, Secretary and Treasurer (which are all defined in the statute that can also be downloaded from the MAPSSS website) as an Association there is also the need for voluntary work in areas such as legal services, administration and clerical duties, fund raising, public relations, website upkeep, translation services from Maltese to English and vice-versa and for research and the writing of position papers to name but a few.

A clarification meeting about MAPSSS, and what it entails to sit on its Executive Council, is going to be held on the 12th January 2015 at the Multi-Purpose Hall located in the ground floor of the Ministry for Education and Employment in Floriana. We look forward to seeing you there and recommend that you contact us beforehand to confirm your attendance.

In the meantime if you have any queries, kindly do not hesitate to contact us.

Kindly keep in mind that the success of our organisation depends on you. Join MAPSSS and consider contesting the election to sit on our committee. Encourage other parents to take part and to vote on the 23rd January 2015 both for the School Council elections, and for the MAPSSS elections.

Thank you.



Simon Scicluna
MAPSSS President

Jannar 2015

Għażiż Ġenitur,

Nhar it-23 ta' Jannar 2015 ser issir l-elezzjoni biex jimtlew il-postijiet battala fil-Kumitat Eżekuttiv tal-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija tal-Ġenituri tal-Istudenti tal-Iskejjel tal-Istat [Maltese Association of Parents of State School Students (MAPSSS)]. Din l-elezzjoni ser issir fl-istess jum li fiha jsiru l-elezzjonijiet għall-kunsilli tal-iskejjel.

Il-MAPSSS (www.mapsss.org) kienet registrata bħala Għaqda Mhux Governattiva f'Marzu tas-sena 2014 sabiex tkun il-lehen tal-ġenituri li għandhom uliedhom jattendu skola statali fil-gzejjer Maltin. L-għan tagħha hu li ssaħħa is-sens ta' sħubija bejn il-ġenituri, l-edukaturi u l-Awtoritajiet Edukattivi Maltin u daww li jfasslu l-politika dwar l-edukazzjoni u b'mod speċjali biex twassal u tkattar l-idea li l-ġenituri għandhom jiehdu sehem ikbar u jipparteċipaw b'mod attiv fl-edukazzjoni ta' wliedhom. Inhegġuk issir membru bla ħlas tal-MAPSSS billi tingħaqad magħna permezz tal-paġna tal-Facebook tagħna (www.facebook.com/groups/MAPSSS/).

Nitolbukom tidhlu fil-websajt tagħna biex issiru tafu dwar ftit mill-attivitajiet u laqgħat li l-MAPSSS għamlet f'dan iż-żmien qasir li ilha mwaqqfa. Filwaqt li bħal kwalunkwe bidu ieħor, ma kienet xi ħaġa faċli, madanakollu kien bidu inkoraġġanti. Ma hemm l-ebda dubju li hemm bosta oqsma li, bħala ġenituri, nistgħu naħdmu fuqhom flimkien għall-ġid ta' uliedna.

Issa wasal iż-żmien biex inti tiegħu l-opportunità u tiegħu sehem attiv fil-MAPSSS billi titfa' n-nomina tiegħek fejn tista' tkun elett biex tirrapreżenta l-kulleġġ fejn jattendi ibnek/bintek. L-idea hi li jkun hemm ġenitur li jirrapreżenta kull Kulleġġ mill-għaxar kulleġġi li hawn f'Malta u Għawdex kif ukoll rappreżentant mill-Iskejjel Sekondarji Għolja (b'kollox ħdax-il ġenitur).

Jekk inti interessat li tikkontesta, niżżel u imla applikazzjoni mill-website tagħna u ibagħatha direttament lil MAPSSS sal-15 ta' Jannar 2015. Aktar dettalji dwar il-proċedura tal-elezzjoni tal-MAPSSS issibhom fil-website.

Minbarra ir-rwoli prinċipali tal-President, Segretarju u Teżorier (liema rwoli huma spjegati fl-istatut li jinsab ukoll fuq il-websajt) tinhtieg għajjnuna volontarja f'diversi oqsma bħal dik ta' natura legali, amministrattiva u klerikali, għir ta' fondi, relazzjonijiet pubbliċi, aġġornar tal-websajt, traduzzjoni mill-Ingliż għall-Malti (u viċi-versa) u min jista' jagħmel riċerka u jikteb artikli relatati mal-funzjoni tal-Assoċjazzjoni tagħna.

Nhar it-12 ta' Jannar 2015 ser issir laqgħa ta' informazzjoni organizzata mill-MAPSSS fil-*Multi-Purpose Hall*, li tinsab fil-pjan terran tal-Ministeru tal-Edukazzjoni u Xogħol, il-Furjana. L-iskop ta' din il-laqgħa hu sabiex nitkellmu dwar il-MAPSSS u ix-xogħol marbut mal-kumitat eżekuttiv. Nittamaw li narawk għal din il-laqgħa u nitolbuk li tgħarrafna minn qabel jekk ser tattendi.

Sadanittant, jekk għandek xi mistoqsija jew tixtieq iktar informazzjoni inhegġuk tagħmel kuntatt magħna.

Ftakar li s-suċċess tal-Assoċjazzjoni tagħna jiddependi minnek. Issieheb fil-MAPSSS permezz tal-Facebook. Thajjar sabiex tkun kandidat għal-kumitat tagħna. Hegġeġ ġenituri oħra biex nhar it-23 ta' Jannar 2015 tivvotaw fl-elezzjonijiet tal-kunsilli tal-iskejjel kif ukoll għall-elezzjonijiet għall-kunsill eżekuttiv tal-MAPSSS.

Inselli għalik,



Simon Scicluna,
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