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School Principals
Private English Schools of Secondary Education

Subject: Number of eligible students for participation in the PISA 2018 Field Trial

Cyprus participates in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) on a longitudinal basis (i.e. every three years). After the implementation of the PISA 2012 and PISA 2015 cycles, we are now ready to proceed with the 2018 cycle.

The Field Trial will take place this academic year (March- April 2017). In this regard, preliminary information needs to be submitted to the PISA 2018 Cyprus National Centre (Centre for Educational Research and Evaluation, CERE), about the number of students who are eligible to participate in the survey. This information is necessary at an early stage, in order for the coordinating team to proceed with the sampling procedure.

Students who were born during the period **01/01/2001 - 31/12/2001** are eligible to participate in the PISA 2018 Field Trial. Please note that the highest possible level of accuracy is required, therefore the information submitted, should be based on 2016-17 enrollment numbers.

School Principals are kindly asked to overview the timely submission of the requested data (i.e. number of students born in 2001). Please note that the Field Trial of the survey (March-April 2017) will only be conducted in sampled schools while the Main Survey (March-May 2018) will be implemented in all schools that have eligible students.

The requested information should be submitted **by 14th October 2016**, in electronic form, to PISA website (<http://keea-pisa.pi.ac.cy/pisa/>) under the tab «Ιστοχώρος για Σχολεία (PISA2018)/ Διευθυντής Σχολείου» or directly, to the link <http://keea-eforms.pi.ac.cy/registrations/PISA2018/ft/Eligible/>.

In order to access the platform, you will use the same code for submitting electronic orders for teaching books to the Ministry of Education and Culture. The CERE will email you this code again, so that you complete the electronic form.

Principals of sampled schools for the Field Trial will be asked to appoint a School Coordinator, who will be invited to an informative meeting at the PISA 2018 Cyprus National Centre. The content and the procedures of the survey will be presented in detail in this meeting.

For further information or assistance in submitting the requested data, you can contact Dr Modestina Modestou (22402456) or Dr Christiana Nicolaou (22402458) or Mr Andreas Polydorou (22402455). Alternatively, you can submit your queries via email to pisa_cyschools@cyearn.pi.ac.cy.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank you for your continuous support to PISA. The Ministry of Education and Culture considers system-level data collected for this Programme as very important. The inclusion of all 15 year old students to the sampling framework for Cyprus is critical to establish the generalizability of the results to our country.



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