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IRISH REPUBLICAN BROTHERHOOD

POLASAÍ OIDEACHAIS

- Principle 1:** Dáil Éireann shall provide a Special Council for Education which will be representative of the Early-Childhood Sector, Primary, Secondary, Technical Schools and Universities, the Lay Assistants and Parents to advise and guide the Minister for Education.
- Principle 2:** All the children of the Nation have the right of supported access to Early-Childhood, Primary, Secondary and University Education.
- Principle 3:** The foundations of the Irish Education System will be cultivated and inspired by a pride in our Gaelic culture; a Gaelic Education system that celebrates and embraces this culture in the first instance, reflected in a nationally self-determined and self-directed curriculum, focusing on the needs of the Irish People, while at all times monitoring good educational practice in other jurisdictions.
- Principle 4:** The Irish Education System will provide free education, across all levels to the children and students of Ireland, ensuring equity and fairness for all.
- Principle 5:** Parental rights and consent around their children's education to be safeguarded in Law.
- Principle 6:** The maximum pupil-teacher ratio to be set at 20:1.
- Principle 7:** Greater autonomy to be given to schools in relation to curriculum development, within certain parameters pre-determined by the Special Council for Education and ratified by the Minister of Education, which will involve genuine engagement with parents, and consideration of and respect for, student-voice. The Special Council of Education will have the authority to instruct a school to cease the teaching of any content that is repugnant to Principle 5 of The Programme of the Brotherhood.



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- Principle 8:** The Irish History Curriculum to be corrected, set and protected for the People of Ireland.
- Principle 9:** The creation of an Education Framework that ensures greater unity and continuity of vision between all Education Levels, particularly between primary and secondary schools, for the People of Ireland.
- Principle 10:** The Sovereign Republic of Éire recognises the right of the Family to Home-School their children. Home-Schooling will be regulated by a Home-Schooling Network, under the remit of the Department of Education.
- Principle 11:** Early-Childhood Education to be publicly funded and to be brought under the remit of the Minister for Education, with priority given to Early-Childhood Irish Language provision.
- Principle 12:** Teacher remuneration will reflect the value, influence and importance of the profession to the People of Ireland, in order to attract more people to the Teaching Profession. A single-tier pay system will exist with teachers commencing on the same pay scale, with extra allowances to be paid based on current criteria, and to now include a new Irish Language Allowance and a Cost-of-Living Allowance on a regional basis.
- Principle 13:** Access to teacher training colleges to be determined by both interview and qualifications. The points-system criteria will be reduced, and interview criteria will be introduced to ensure that more people have greater access to the profession and that the profession has greater access to potential educators who possess the qualities favourable to the profession.
- Principle 14:** Increased access to Gaelscoileanna across all levels through substantial investment.



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- Principle 15:** The establishment of Bi-Lingual Schools that will involve the education of children on a 50:50 basis between Irish and English. Bi-Lingual Schools will be separate to Gaelscoileanna, while also being different to schools who teach Irish as a second language (L2).
- Principle 16:** Priority building of new schools to be given to Gaelscoileanna and Bi-Lingual Primary Schools.
- Principle 17:** Incentivisation of parents, through grants/tax allowances, to educate their children through the Irish Language in Early-Childhood settings, Gaelscoileanna and Bi-Lingual schools.
- Principle 18:** Establishment of a School Excellence Fund for the Irish Language.
- Principle 19:** English to be the only other language taught alongside Irish at Primary School level.
- Principle 20:** An advanced course in Irish will be made available to all teachers, regardless of school-level, with provision of an allowance to be paid to teachers with this advanced qualification.
- Principle 21:** The definition of ‘recognised schools’ to be expanded to allow for the establishment of other forms of schools. Greater autonomy for schools and parents in curriculum development will naturally require a widening of the scope for ‘recognised schools’ in order to facilitate a greater choice for parents.
- Principle 22:** An overhaul of the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations, including a greater focus on project-based assessment to ensure greater equity in accessing Third-Level Education. A system of proportional demographic representation will apply in relation to the allocation of Third-Level places.



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- Principle 23:** An Educational Safety Department to be established under the remit of the Minister for Education to oversee and ensure the safety of school environments. The Authority will be responsible for the monitoring and regulation of areas of concern such as Electromagnetic Field Radiation (EMF) levels, the transition from fluoridated water to water that is safe for human consumption, and the provision of quality/healthy food in school canteens.
- Principle 24:** Schools, with an enrolment figure above a specified level, to be provided with a full-time counsellor to make provision for the Well-being of children and staff as per Principle 5 of The Programme of the Brotherhood. This provision will apply to smaller schools on a clustered basis.
- Principle 25:** Greater provision, financing and promotion of Adult Education, to increase participation to Finnish levels.
- Principle 26:** Department of Education to be staffed by teachers on secondment in place of civil servants.
- Principle 27:** While the Sovereign Republic of Éire recognises the Rights of the Family to educate their children privately, Private Education providers will not receive State funding.
- Principle 28:** The use of schools for Child Immunisation will not be permitted.
- Principle 29:** Political appointees to School Boards of Management will not be permitted.
- Principle 30:** School League Tables to be abolished.



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Principle 31: There is to be no assumed Power of Attorney for schools when acting in loco parentis, while at all times upholding their duty of care to their students.

Principle 32: The Sovereign Republic of Éire recognises the Family as the superior group of The Nation and will not impose any educational burdens, be they time burdens (homework) or financial burdens, that may affect The Family Unit.

Signed: *Barra Seamas de Róiste* Secretary for Education

In the Presence of:

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With the Executive Seal of the Irish Republican Brotherhood affixed hereto:

