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DOE is monitoring government's education policies

It is one month now that the schools welcomed the pupils but many of the problems of the past continue to exist.

Namely, the need of permanent appointments in primary and early childhood education is more than obvious and counts to certain thousands of appointments. Despite this fact the government proceeds with the appointment of substitute teachers (contract teachers) in order to cover the needs. These needs will reappear next year and so on. The government mentions financial difficulties.

Another fact, is the still pending appointment of teachers of Special Need Education. The promise for this top priority issue is for 4.500 appointments but the time of the appointments remains vague.

The demand of our Trade Union for a two years' obligatory Early Childhood Education still waits for its final solution in practice.

In addition to the above, the worsening working conditions, due to the underfunding of public Education, and the organized attack, through recent legislation, on Trade Union rights, as well as the state of "fixed" pensions and salaries for so many years, the employment insecurity of substitute teachers, unsolved issues dealing with the right to education of refugee children calls for a continuous multidimensional struggle until the achievement of the goal for a better Education beneficial for the whole society.

DOE, as the sole Trade Union representing the primary education teachers in Greece is closely monitoring governments actions and is, as always, ready, if necessary, to take to the streets.

