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Parents/Guardians of students in Public and Private Schools (Gymnasiums)

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**Subject: Students' Participation in the International Study TIMSS 2023
(Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study)**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to inform you that your child has been randomly selected to participate in the Main Study of the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). More than 65 countries, including Cyprus, are participating in this particular study.

TIMSS monitors international trends in Mathematics and Science achievement at the fourth and eighth grades. Achievement tests and questionnaires will be administered online to students at their school, on a specific day during March-May 2023. Your child's participation in the study will not affect his or her grades or progress in school, and the results will not be reported for individual students or schools.

Your child's participation in the TIMSS 2023 study is very important since your child is included in the sample of students representing our country. Your support to this Study is significant, since the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth anticipates eliciting crucial information concerning our educational system, pertinent to its improvement.

All data collected will be treated in strict confidence and will be submitted anonymously (use of pseudonyms) to the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) that coordinates the study and will be treated in strict confidence. You, as a parent/guardian, have the right to refuse participation of your child in TIMSS 2023, in which case you should notify (in written) the school accordingly.

For further information about the study, please visit: <http://keea-timss.pi.ac.cy/timss/> where you can find the Data Protection Declaration, describing the process of collecting, analyzing and publishing the data from the student questionnaire.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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