



Communiqué concerning the back-to-school campaign 2019-2020

The back-to-school campaign is marked by an increased debate on the future of public schools following the entry into force of Framework Law 17-51 reforming the education and training system, which has sparked controversy among supporters who believe that the reform program should be launched based on legal grounds guaranteeing transparency and accountability. Meanwhile, opponents have rejected the unilateral and non-participatory approach adopted to developing the law, not taking into account the views of the various actors and people concerned with the issue of education.

Major and outstanding problems hindering an educational boom that meets the aspirations of the Moroccan people as well as educational staff and administration need to be solved. This necessitates seriousness and good teacher training that responds to the current needs and quality requirements, as well as the provision of human resources, equipment and facilities for the universalization and promotion of primary education, especially in rural and semi-rural areas.

Faced with the expectations of the present time, we, the Moroccan Coalition for Education for All, aspire to a good school year marked with the spirit of the effective reform and political will likely to promote the public school, recall once again the following:

- We affirm that education at all levels is a fundamental human right and an essential lever for every sustainable development. It is the responsibility of the State to protect it and provide all the conditions for its success.
- We consider that primary education is an essential means of improving the performance of educational institutions and achieving quality, equal opportunities and equality between all girls and all boys of the country. This requires the funding needed to universalize and unify programs and prepare human resources for success.



- We underline the need to create the necessary conditions for the integration of children with disabilities, girls and children of immigrants in Morocco, in such a way as to guarantee flexible curricula for quality education for all and to implement the slogan defined this year by the ministry for school start “for a citizen and inclusive school”.
- We call for a broad debate on all aspects to clarify the reform program in its different dimensions and objectives, and to mobilize for its success and create the necessary conditions for the reconciliation of society with public school.
- We affirm that we continue to defend public education and deal with all forms and manifestations of privatization.
- We renew our call for the rehabilitation of the public school so that it becomes a space for the development of skills and abilities, and an education on values and civic behavior, as well as an openness to various knowledge, sciences and technological development.

While renewing our support and welcoming all initiatives to defend public school and quality education for all; we, the Moroccan Coalition for Education for All:

We announce the launch of regional campaigns with caravans to support public school and children's access to school and to follow the start-up process of primary education and to keep abreast of the reality of school start by holding meetings with teachers and school authorities in these regions.