



The School Reform "ATUARFITSIALAK" - The Good School

At present a thorough school reform is underway, and the bill will come to a vote in the spring of 2002. The basic idea is that the school shall pay greater attention to the individual child, concerning both school work and personal matters. The school will take a more active role with regard to education in personal development in order to boost the child's self esteem and in the teaching of Civics.

By adding a new subject "Personal Development" the school reform wishes to work towards strengthening the pupils self esteem. This will be done by:

- developing the ability of the pupils to take co-responsibility and to work purposely on their own development and education, and
- giving the pupils instruments for understanding themselves and other people. The subject "Personal Development" will also include the topics:
 - sex information
 - health education
 - family knowledge
 - information on stimulants and drugs
 - other psychological and social topics
 - information on educations and trades, and knowledge of work
 - the pupil's work on personal planning.

A successful implementation of the intentions mentioned above, will yield generally better prepared children and in that way reduce the risk group of children, and in the end contribute to the reduction of the number of parents who find it difficult to take care of themselves and their children. In the long run, these initiatives will contribute to reducing the number of children and adolescents who are in need of aid or assistance.

