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**RESOLUTION**  
**Solidarity to our Italian colleagues**

The Executive Board of OLME **welcomes the Italian teachers and the educational movement in Italy** as a whole that continues to develop and be dynamically active, in order to express its complete opposition to the oncoming counter – educational changes, promoted by Mr Berlusconi’s government, changes with hard neoliberal characteristics, like:

- the drastic retrenchment in the state budget of the expenses for education: a reduction which will result to a serious degradation of the public education provided in Italy,
- the curtailment of more than 100.000 teachers work places within 4 years, a fact that will result to a substantial increase in the number of students per class and also to the abandonment of programmes in schools for students with special needs and training difficulties,
- the transformation of schools and universities into institutions administrated by private Executive Boards,
- changes of the school duration, which will undermine substantially teacher’s working conditions, etc.

All the above constitute an unprecedented attack launched by the Italian government against education as a public good, which aims at the transformation of education from a public good into a merchandise.

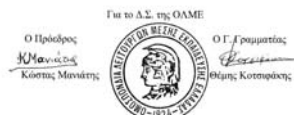
Greek teachers, who are also fighting in our country against a similar attack against public school and public university, declare our absolute solidarity to our Italian colleagues, as well as to the entire educational movement in Italy, believing that we have to coordinate our struggle, in order not to allow the implementation of these policies in any European country.

**Our common struggle will annul this policy**

**For the E.B. of OLME**

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