

Letter to the families of IES Riu Tària

As many of you may know, there is a new education law that will soon ask you to choose the proportion of subjects that will be taught to your children either in Valencian or in Spanish during the following years. However, the fact that your choice will be respected is not ensured since it will depend on the amount of votes in favour of Valencian cast. This is why we want to remind you of some of the consequences that this new education law will entail:

- Segregation
- Different levels of linguistic skill accomplishment among students
- Rising tension of the previously existing linguistic conflict
- Banishment of any regulation that defends the use of Valencian (among other reasons).

Therefore, our school's option is clear: **we want to say YES to Valencian. Why?** There is a lot of scientific evidence that show the advantages of bilingualism:

- Boardens our students' job opportunities
- Bilingual people's cognitive perspective is much richer, with greater creativity, a faster ability to solve problems, more brain connexions and a bigger cognitive reserve.

We would like to address you, our students' families, as companions in our students' learning process, so you are aware of the importance of choosing Valencian for your daughters and sons. It is essential that you get this option in order to let your children learn Valencian and become competent in that language so they get open doors to a wider working world, not only in the Valencian territory, as well as they learn to appreciate this language creating a feeling of belonging in our community.

*Qui estima la seua terra (Those who love their homeland)
és el que estima la vida, (are those who love life)
i els que us estimeu la llengua (and those who love their language,)
del futur feu garantia. (ensure their future)*

