



Campaign For  
**2nd Level Educate Together**  
Kildare South



**Q's YOU CAN ASK YOUR GE16 CANDIDATES:**

1. Do you support the provision of a new secondary school for the constituency?  
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2. How will you help make this happen if elected?  
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3. Are you satisfied with the planned programme of school extensions as the best way to deal with the crisis in availability of places in the constituency?  
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4. Are you satisfied with the situation where schools are legally allowed to refuse enrolment to children who do not share the same religion as the schools patron body?  
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5. Are you satisfied with the provision of second level places for students with learning difficulties in the constituency?  
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6. Are you satisfied that the existing schools offer both boys and girls a diverse choice of subjects, particularly in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths disciplines?

**Did you know?**

- The school building announcement by Minister Jan O'Sullivan last November did not include a new build second level school for Kildare South in the 2016 - 2021 period covered by the plan
- Instead the intention is to extend several existing schools, despite the addition of two new primary schools in the constituency since 2012
- The neighbouring constituency of Laois-Offaly has secured a new second level school for Portlaoise due to open in 2017, despite having a similar recent profile of primary school openings
- Extensions will not meet the need for additional ASD facilities in this area
- Extensions neither provide for choice nor diversity in provision
- Extensions do not acknowledge the 2060 children to date whose parents have recorded their support for a new second-level school in Kildare South.
- Educate Together schools are run on a co-educational and multi-denominational basis and provide an environment that is inclusive to all and truly means no child is an outsider
- A new school, operating under these principles is the only way to address the issues of spaces, accessibility and choice in second level education for parents and children in South Kildare