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Subject: education in the wider sense, so we bring up children who are assets to themselves & to society, as adults.

dear vinay, my centre would definitely be able to contribute in enhancing school education & i would like to be on the BMC school board. (i'm doing programmes for 4 big schools in india & abroad, on table manners, telephone manners etc.& all the other aspects) we could teach children personal & public hygiene, civic consciousness, environment protection & respect, health & nutrition.behaviour sensitivity & being able to deal with people politely & respectfully. in fact as many people have remarked, " it is art of living that we teach but in a practical, sustainable & economically affordable way, that people can relate to). but ofcourse we will have to teach it to the teachers first of all & parents & every one who is dealing with the children. so the progress of the child is in a planned homogeneous way) any thing connected to children has to be done in co-ordination with teachers & parents.otherwise it all goes haywire.

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From: karmayog.com

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Subject: Do you want to join BMC Education Advisory Boards?

In a multi-crore Educational Quality Improvement Project drawn up by Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects) Manu Kumar Srivastava, the civic body has proposed to open 85 English-medium schools and has also suggested an extensive makeover for existing ones.

The project, which proposes a standardised look for the schools and is now in its final phase, could change the way the 1,234 schools run by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) are perceived. On the anvil are the construction of playgrounds, multi-lingual libraries, language labs,

computer labs and multimedia classrooms.

These 85 English-medium schools will be opened in existing municipal school buildings across all the 24 wards with an average of three prominent schools per ward.

The project seeks to address three problem areas civic schools are plagued with, including dwindling enrolment in Marathi schools, poor quality of education and decaying infrastructure.

"Today, even people from slums want their children to go to English-medium schools," said Srivastava. "If we don't open more schools, we in a way are discouraging parents from sending their kids to civic schools."

Presently, the BMC's 45 English-medium schools cater to approximately 20,000 children.

An independent and qualified advisory board comprising social activists and educationists would also be set up in each ward, to supervise the quality of education in the schools.

"The idea is to bring the civic schools on par with the private schools," said Srivastava. "We want to dispel the popular notion that civic schools mean poor quality of education and inferior infrastructure."

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[If you wish to be on any of these 24 Advisory Boards, you may send your request to Shri M. K. Srivastava, Additional Municipal Commissioner (Projects), BMC Annexe Building 3rd floor, Mahapalika Marg, Mumbai 400001. Tel: 22620251

Please include your detailed background, what value you believe you or the organisation you represent can bring in, and which Ward would you prefer.

The NGO Council will be following this matter to ensure that competent citizens and organisations get a chance to be involved.

So if you would like us to follow up on your behalf, please formally cc us in your letter. Our address is Vinay Somani, Convenor, NGO Council, C/o Karmayog, Shreeniwās House, 2nd floor, H. Somani Marg, Fort, Mumbai 400001. Tel: 22000478.

Regards,
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