

DO YOU HAVE <u>ONE</u>
SUGGESTION FOR THE
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DO YOU HAVE <u>ONE</u> <u>SUGGESTION</u> FOR THE PRIME MINISTER THAT CAN IMPROVE THE LIFE OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN NORWAY?

We asked 659 children from 4th grade, 8th grade and 1st year of high school.

These are their answers.

FROM 4TH GRADE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

No war in other countries! • No one should bully • More hours of school • That everyone should have a friend • No homework, but one extra hour of school* • No homework • If children that live in or come to Norway without a family, they should get one as soon as possible • Feel safe and have a caring and happy family • That homeless people get food and a place to stay • No homework • Everyone should have a home Everyone in the world should get food and water
 Collect enough money so all children can go to school • Free day care facilities for schoolchildren • Make more schools for refugees • That there should be no violence where children live • Make a school that does not cost money. Work to ensure food and water for all • To not be forced outside when you don't want to by your parents • Everyone have to have a family and someone to trust • Manage to make as few diesel and gasoline cars as possible • That all children feel okay • Bring everyone along if they want to • I think we are okay • Less poverty • People need to use electric cars • That all children can be themselves • The rich needs to give the poor at least 10 NOK every day • I think children's rights in Norway are fulfilled in a good way, and don't know what we need to improve • Rich people need to think of poor people • Collect money so all children can go to school • No one should bully others • You can put security cameras EVERYWHERE! • Children who need help at school must get help No one should starve
 If the family has no money, they should get

the chance to be supported by social welfare for at least three years • All **children have to have a home** • Extra help in school for all who needs it • Give all children a home • She can let a child make the decisions for a whole year • Know all the things you need to know • More schools so everyone can go to school • Help everyone who needs help • All children should have a friend • She can make them feel safe • Poor people should get a good life • Give money to the poor • All should have the right to a home • Maybe too small clothes could be given to the poor. Then they will be warm, they have the right to be warm • That all children get a house and food • Better taxes and food • Produce more hydropower • Improve the environment • Stop bullying • That we DON'T have homework! • If someone is poor they need to get the right to go to school • Stop throwing garbage in nature • Give money to poor children • Everyone must stop throwing garbage in nature • Warm lunch for all children in school • More homework • Much shorter school days, no homework and more games • Less school and homework and more days off, food served in schools, use cellphones in the school yard • Build more schools so everyone can go to school • That beggars should get food and a home • All children deserve a good life • Free candy!!! • Build more gymnastics halls! It is good for you! And warm meals at school • We should get milk or fruit during the school day • Half an hour more school instead of homework • All children should get free school • That there should be no thieves • Get a cafeteria at school, warm meals every day • More swimming and art classes in school • I want to fly

back and forth from school • Safer roads to school. Less expensive spare time activities . Less school and less homework, shorter school days . Eat tacos in school • More swimming lessons in school • 1 hour more outdoor activities in school • That people stop driving cars ruining the environment • To play and to work. • Better taxes and better houses • Let refugees get a much better place to live • Children have the right to not being bullied • Our country needs to be a good country • To sleep • That we get the chance to decide • Listen to what children say • Everyone must have money, a place to live and have food • That adults get better salaries • Help the poor • Poor children need to opportunity to go to school • That there is less homework • Good schools and enough teachers • Good schools and good teachers • Do not start wars • Don't make everything mechanic, because some parents will lose their jobs • Let the children decide more • All children in Norway should have a good life, a family and friends • We need to be kind to each other, not bully and not make other people sad • All Norwegian people have the right to be safe • That everyone should go to school • She should make sure there are 0% pollution and 0% exhaust • More movies • Safer roads to school. All children in Norway get to go to school and have fun
 Make things less expensive • More school • I want her to continue what she does for children in Norway • I already have a good life • That children get better food at school • Use more time outdoors during school hours • Keep up the good work • That children are not deported* • Let children express their opinion! • Let children express their own opinion • Do

not send children back to war • Give children the chance to say what **they mean** • Have a good life • The military does not understand. They think children are doing fine in other countries with war. We need to say stop and do something!!!! • I want all refugee children to get a residence permit and get the same things as other children to make it fair • That **all children feel safe and good** • Children have to get help if they need it • That everyone get to express their opinion • All children need to be safe • No bullying. That no children are in pain • All children deserve to have a good life • That all children are listened to • That all children have fun and a good time • That all children have nice parents • All children should have a mom or a dad, or both • Children need someone to play with • No war, then all children will be good • That all children are okay • Stop sending children to their home country. It is a chance of war there! • That everyone is allowed to do what they want and decide where they want to live • Do not throw out people only because they are not Norwegian • All children should be cared for • Do not keep children away from their family unless it is the last option • That all children get a good family

^{* 4}th graders mentioned many times that better conditions for refugee children (to not deport them) and less homework, were their advice.

FROM 8TH GRADE IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Remove schools • No grades in Norwegian Nynorsk* • Do not give children under 10 years an Iphone • Use more resources on school • That you do what you say • Less homework and more teachers so everyone can have vacation at the same time • Free fruit in school • Less homework* ● Better computer systems and good education for teachers in programming • All children need the opportunity to good education and a job with equitable salary when they grow up • That children can go to one free spare time activity or that the municipality pay for one, and if you want to join more activities you pay yourself • I should be the **Prime minister** • More focus on mental health • Age limit to get a weapon license should be lowered (can be discussed) • Less school, I am extremely stressed out. Less STRESS • Better education for teachers • Free fruit at school • Free food at school • There is a lot of technology in Norway and online bullying happens a lot • That children struggling at home or in school should get more help, and that grown-ups understand how some children are victims of neglect • Stricter policies against domestic violence • More focus on children's wellbeing in school, teachers need to ask the students how they are doing • Do not deport refugee children • School should not begin before 9:00 in the morning • Stop lying so fucking much about what you are going to do, just to get social status and power • Don't be mean • No more art and craft lessons Accept more refugees
 Children must participate in decisions about the amount of homework • Everything should be free, nothing costs money, then we would solve the problem with homeless people • Dismiss Sylvi Listhaug • Stop giving temporary permits to unaccompanied asylum-seeking children • It is demotivating to go to school, not because of the work, but because it is so old and worn. It does not need to be very modern, but now it is sad and ugly here. I don't want to be here • Longer breaks between lessons in school • Rich people without children can adopt children • More fruit on school days • Think more about giving youth a better everyday life through more participation and decision-making • Better education for substitute teachers • That we learn about **depression and loneliness at school** • That school starts later • Think more about youth and listen to their opinions and what they say, and let them decide a little more themselves • Make the bullying stop! • Good textbooks in all subjects • Want to have my phone in the breaks, and less homework • More teachers, fewer students per teacher • Stop the new fraværsgrensa* in high school • All children and youth should get fruit during school days • That everyone should have a home and the opportunity to go to school • Free fruit on school days • Start school later • Start school later in the day, and then quit later in the afternoon • Less school, and money • LESS SCHOOL!!!! (NO SCHOOL) • Stop the **bullying** • Stop bullying • Start school later • There are not that many things to do in my spare time • More parks for children • Make sure to stop bullying • I do not have any advice because I feel that all children

have a good life in Norway • Listen to what the children have to say! • Start school later • I feel that everything is good • Focus on this area (children's rights) • Free food • Free pizza every Friday • Larger budgets for schools • Let children have the right to know their biological parents no matter what age the child is • Free fruit in schools • Give cats a better life • Stop bullying • You could let children take part in decisions concerning their life • Free food in schools • Keep an eye on the victims of bullying • End bullying • That all children get food and water • A warm meal for free at school • That all children should have a home and everyone should have access to food and clean water at all times • That everyone has a place to stay, even though they don't have much money. And everyone has to have food and something to drink • That everyone has a place to stay and access to food and water • Give children in orphanages more things • Longer days at school instead of homework Make the stores less expensive so children can buy things themselves Give all children a place to live, and food and water • That Friday becomes a part of the weekend, so we have school from Monday till Thursday In each school we should have some hours for doing homework at school, and also just talk • That they have as much right to vote in elections as adults • Make school more fun and enjoyable • That I get 10000 billion NOK • More focus on the children who are struggling at school – the ones with reading and writing difficulties or any other disabilities • Learn in more fun ways, and have less homework • Give us more rights. It should be allowed with Segway. Get Jens back • Make sure

there are enough activities for people with low income or create places where it is possible to meet and socialize • That the municipality or the country should help the ones that have a low income so they also can **participate in spare time activities** • Stop bullying • Use more money on orphanages • Let children speak up and listen to them • Children need to have freedom • A daily free warm meal in the school cafeteria • Everyone gets to eat what they want • That all Muslims are allowed to eat haram-meat • Jens Stoltenberg • Food and clothes • Even though parents don't earn that much money it does not need to affect the child, because children are the future • All children have the right to school, food and clothes • That everyone have to go to school • More social activities in school, maybe separate subject about socializing with others • Make young people stop differentiating each other just be**cause of how they look** • I think most people have a good life in Norway • Warm meals at school, no homework • Be aware of what happens in children's lives and talk more about what is happening • The voting age is 18 years, but it would be nice if you had that right from 16 years • Children's voices need to be heard more in the society • Free meals in schools • A joint day where everyone go to school wearing what they would like to and everyone had to say one nice thing to the other. Every day students should say a positive thing to one of the other students • Stop the bullying • Decrease the stress on schools with too much tests and grades • Free meals in schools • Don't give any grades to children before 8th grade • That students should learn more about the fact that

everyone has the same value • Children have to be part in the decision about who should become their new teachers • We need to get the chance to decide in our society • Let children and youth decide a little bit more than what they do now! • Stop giving children junk food • Maybe children without family could get more attention and a better place to live, care and love • Change the school system. Today's system is stressful, sad, exhausting, boring and takes too much time, it is inefficient . School for 13 years followed by university is too much • Children and youth should decide if they want to join the gym sessions in school or not • I have a good life • Less pollution • Remove grades/ less grades than today • That everyone get the chance to go to spare time activities • That she could give more money to orphanages, hospitals and poor people • Maybe less expensive psychologists for people who struggle • Maybe engage a bit more in children • Maybe remove the ones who bully from the school. Bullying has a huge impact on their education and their life after school • More knowledge about bullying and rights at school • My life is good the way it is • In school we need less stress and not so many demands and high expectations • Stop bullying and backbiting • Children with diseases or special needs must have their education adapted if necessary • Parents should get double salary of what they earn today so children could get what they want and need • Free school for everyone • Make sure refugee children and youth are not deported when they turn 18 years • Let the children express their own opinion about what is right • More opportunities for sports and spare time activities for the small cities and municipalities • That you accept more refugees and not send them back • That refugees are safe and live a good life • I am perfectly happy with the way things are • That the police or someone else comes to the school and talk about alcohol in an early age to stop children from drinking before they turn 18 years • Make Kurdistan an own country • More parks and places for children • We need to help children from other countries, especially the ones who experience war and are living a bad life • No children should be bullied • Let children and youth be a part of decision-making that affects them • Make children and youths everyday life easier, better and help them with what direction they want to go in their life • More buildings for free spare time activities • Help the ones who have no home, food and water, education and medical assistance. • Remove Fraværsgrensa in High School • Work against poverty in Norway

^{* 8}th graders mentioned several times that they wanted to remove the grade in Norwegian Nynorsk and that they wanted longer days in school if they did not get any homework. They also mentioned refugee children a lot.

^{**} Fraværsgrensa is the new absence regulation implemented in High School from 2016.

FROM 1ST GRADE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Remove Fraværsgrensa* • Invest in more training like the "use your head" methodology so bullying and online bullying is more discussed. Children in Norway need to feel appreciated, respected and valued • Increased school scholarships • Stronger measures against bullying • Make sure the child welfare system* help children with their situation • Better environmental policies* • Stop bullying* • Let children and youth get a stronger voice in the public debate, and take them seriously • Easier transitions for youth forced to move out of their family home to go to high school • Don't throw out minor refugees coming to Norway • Expand the support to, and offer of, spare time activities • Make sure children and youth are heard more than what they are today • More qualified teachers and fewer students in every class • Remove homework, give unaccompanied refugees the right to asylum, make sure we have more nurses in school • Remove homework so children can play and be more creative • Don't throw out refugee minors • Let them decide what subject the want to specialize in already in secondary school • All children no matter nationality have someone to take care of them so they will avoid feeling alone in the world • Food in school • Don't send minor refugees out of the country • Stop the deportation of minor refugees • More investments in support for children and youths mental health • More time to play during school hours for the small children • Stop the bullying • I think you do a great job • Don't throw refugee children out

of the country • Better policies for environmental issues • Lower costs for spare time activities so everyone can develop their skills without money stopping you from doing what you like • More education about children in other countries and how they are, from early age in school • Hire more teachers so every teacher has less students and can focus more on every single student • Listen to youth parties all over the country. **They are our voices** • One big problem for many others and me is stress • Lower the taxes • Less social. Less homework in elementary and secondary • Measures against child poverty • Free "snus" (tobacco) • Cherish the Sami culture • Focus more on care services for children and youth in school • Change, improve and modernize the school system so you don't make all students tired of education • Don't send minor refugees away **from our country** • **Food in schools** • Give the right to free warm meals at school • Stop bullying • Lower the age limit on buying strong spirits • Remove the restrictions on the high school graduates. More team work around youth in schools and everyday life • Give more young people a basic scholarship • Stop hunting down the high school graduates celebrating • Do everything to avoid rape during the party period around **graduation** • Food in schools • Don't throw out minor refugees from Norway • Introduce more humane asylum policies • Reduce the social pressure • Move the exams to another time • Smaller classes so each teacher have less students. • Don't imprison refugee children • Implement measures against child poverty • Food in schools • Prioritize mental health • Don't deport minor refugees that already came to Norway •

Move the exams until later • Implement measures against child poverty in Norway! • Decriminalize the lighter drugs • **Fight against racism** • Throw Sylvi out of the county • Prioritize the work improving mental health • **Food in schools** • Work to reduce inequality between Norwegian citizens • Better help to victims of rape and abuse • Food in schools

^{* 1}st graders in High School mentioned bullying, Fraværsgrensa, environment and the Child Welfare System several times

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