



PARLIAMENT OF SINT MAARTEN
Friday, November 9, 2018, Public Meeting no. 02
Continuation (urgent)
Motie *no. 01*

NO.	NAME	VOOR/FOR	TEGEN/AGAINST
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3.	Rolando Brison		✓
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6.	Christophe T. Emmanuel		✓
7.	Ardwell M.R. Irion		✓
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Draft Motion

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The Parliament of St. Maarten in its public meeting of November 9, 2018

CONSIDERING:

1. That violence and aggression undermine the social fabric of any nation;
2. That more and more it is being demonstrated that individuals seek solutions by means of aggressive acts;
3. That social media amplifies what is taking place and the resulting sensationalism surrounding any altercation only adds fire to fury;
4. That fights around our schools by students and others are perceived to be on the increase, possibly because of the same social media coverage;
5. That a process of re-education and tolerance is slow, but hopefully beneficial in the future;
6. The workshops organized by the Student Support Services Division (SSSD) of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports;
7. That the responses from the session of November 7, 2018 could be summarized in the following main topics:

- 1) Schools should have more control and apply their rules.*
- 2) students should not be allowed to leave the school premises during the time they are supposed to be in class.*
- 3) students that video or live-stream school fights, should be held responsible by the law.*
- 4) Parents should limit kids time on Social media.*
- 5) kids must be forewarned about the consequences of their own actions.*
- 6) Government must urgently build a youth detention center.*
- 7) Radio personalities on radio shows to be reminded of the unbelievably huge*

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- responsibility they have with their ability to influence young minds.*
- 8) *building more juvenile jails does not contribute to the sustainability of our country.*
- 9) *make parents responsible for the actions of their minor children.*
- 10) *Remind parents of their responsibilities.*

RESOLVES:

Call on the Minister of MECYS to use the information coming out its session(s) to draft a safe school plan in close cooperation with all stakeholders (School boards, teachers, parents, students, law enforcement and other community leaders).

That this plan will include the elements of:

- a. Parental support
- b. Positive peer pressure
- c. Parental responsibility
- d. School safety plans
- e. A school transportation policy
- f. A rehabilitation program catered to the youth
- g. Public Awareness


And to present this plan to parliament within 60 days, with a first reporting on its progress in 30 days.

And goes over to the order of the day.

Copies of this motion are to be sent to:

- The Governor of St. Maarten
- The Government of St. Maarten

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