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Assessment by the principal of Bögöz on the need to build a multifunctional community center in Bögöz

The municipality of Bögöz faces challenges in the areas of culture, education and sport. With currently 355 pupils in kindergartens and elementary school and a further 50 pupils attending school outside the municipality, there is a lack of local opportunities for the holistic development of young people. The existing programs, mainly in sports and culture, are diverse, but the lack of infrastructure and support could lead to an exodus and a loss of cultural identity.

To counteract this trend, local organizations and educational institutions are working together on a comprehensive action plan. Thanks to the work of recent years, we have been able to implement a program that directly improves the cultural, educational and sports life of the community. First and foremost, the program aims to preserve the community's cultural heritage and strengthen the sense of belonging.

Our cultural program:

- Our traditional Szekler folk dance courses for children, teenagers and adults.
- Through instrumental lessons, we also want to encourage talented young people to join forces with young people from the surrounding area to renew a long-established wind orchestra.
- We have introduced traditional furniture painting courses for young people and adults.
- In courses we teach traditional crafts such as straw weaving, basket weaving, wood carving and the production of folk children's toys.
- We want to preserve the Bögöz choir and strengthen the community by promoting communal singing and cultural participation.

These activities not only promote the development of manual skills, but also have a strong community-building effect. They provide a valuable opportunity for shared learning and creative exchange between generations. In addition, they draw young children away from the digital and virtual world and allow them to develop a deeper connection to the real world and their cultural roots. Knowledge of traditional furniture decorations empowers people to implement them in their own homes and yards. yards. This activity strengthens the bond with the local community as the authentic pieces of furniture reappear in residents' homes, giving them a sense of tradition and home.

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The openness of the young adult generation of the community to new things is at the heart of the implementation of the above programs, which aim to bring people together and form a strong community. In the long run, these programs will help preserve our historic past, experience the joy of cultural and historical commemorations, and thus mitigate the pursuit of urbanization. Instead, they will enable our community to live fulfilling lives at home, firmly integrated into the local environment and preserving our folk culture as the key to survival in the past and present.

Our educational program

Our pedagogical approach benefits greatly from the interest and openness of our students. To ensure that they continuously achieve better learning outcomes, we offer a variety of extracurricular activities, including:

- Preparation courses in examination subjects for pupils who need additional support.
- Peer tutoring: students with outstanding performance support their classmates in all subjects under the supervision of adults.
- Given the challenges Hungarian students face with the Romanian language, we have introduced fun activities to improve their language skills and facilitate their transition to higher quality schools from Grade VIII onwards.
- We offer regular awareness courses for parents, teachers and course leaders, led by experts on various topics such as learning disorders (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, apraxia), ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, high sensitivity, children and screens, childhood anxiety and much more.
- In addition, we have introduced a monthly awareness training that covers topics such as equality, sexual orientation and racism and discusses them with the pupils and young people.

By implementing these programs, students can significantly improve their performance, continue their studies at various universities, and then are more likely to return to their home communities to contribute to cultural and economic development.

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Further extracurricular program

We support the young generation of Bögöz through various extracurricular activities organized every year in which the teachers (Kindergarten, Preschool-IV, V-VIII), parents and grandparents actively participate to strengthen our community. These activities include:

- A district-wide traditional folk song competition.
- District storytelling competitions.
- Organization of district-wide poetry competitions.
- Participation in international mother tongue and mathematics competitions with our students.
- Organizing a traditional harvest festival at village level.
- Organizing a school-wide carnival.
- Making small gifts together for single senior citizens in the village at Christmas, supported by volunteers.
- Celebrating Christmas with a traditional festival of love.
- Organizing sports competitions for the district's schools, including floor gymnastics, soccer, strength competition and athletics.
- Organizing historical commemorations in the village and school to remember the martyrs of Arad, the 1848 Revolution and the War of Independence.

These programs not only offer young people in Bögöz an opportunity for personal development, but also strengthen their sense of community and connection to our rich cultural and historical tradition.

Other types of events

- weddings
- concerts
- exhibitions
- conferences
- School events (end-of-year celebrations)

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Why a sports hall for Bögöz

- The lack of a sports hall in the village makes it impossible for the teams listed below (approx. 250-260 adults and children) to hold school-organized gym classes, training or recreational sports activities.
- As this would be the only sports hall of this type and size in the region, and the surrounding communities do not have such facilities, the hall would provide an opportunity for young people and sports enthusiasts from the surrounding area. According to our estimates, around 200-250 additional people from the neighboring communities would have the opportunity to play sports.
- The sports halls in the towns (Odorheiu Secuiesc and Seskely Keresztur) are overcrowded, which makes it difficult for the teams to find free training times.
- Because similar sports halls in the villages of Farkaslaka and Zetelaka, where several teams from the city of Odorheiu Secuiesc play sports, have been functioning well for several years.
- The lack of space makes it impossible to hold our traditional sports events and tournaments, which have been taking place for many years, even decades, outside the summer months, and even then only depending on the weather.
- To facilitate the transportation of children who want to play sports, school buses are available, while adults can travel in groups in their own cars (the distances are not great, 5-10 km).
- A few years ago, the Romanian government had a program to build sports halls. However, the program has since expired and only a few municipalities have benefited from it. It is possible to apply for public funding for the organization of sports events, but not for the construction of a sports hall.
- The local council of Bögöz will take over the maintenance of the building.

The multi-purpose hall will be used for a variety of sports, groups and other activities to meet the needs of the community.

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Already active sports group of the municipality of Bögöz:

Soccer

- 1. the adult team of Agyagfalvi Lendület
- 2. the youth team of Agyagfalva Lendület
- 3. adult amateur team of Agyagfalva
- 4. adult team of Bögözi FC
- 5. the youth team of Bögözi FC
- 6. adult amateur team of Bögözi
- 7. teacher team of Bögözi
- 8. adult amateur team of Dobó and Vágás

Basketball

9. Club Sportiv Bögöz basketball club (5 youth teams with approx. 120 children)

<u>Handball</u> 10. Boys' and girls' teams from Bögöz elementary school

Floor gymnastics

- 11. team from Bögöz elementary school
- 12. adult team from Agyagfalva
- 13. adult group from Bögöz

<u>Zumba</u>

14. Bögöz elementary school team

Our school, as well as our community, does not currently have a multi-purpose hall that could allow the above-mentioned events and sports activities to take place without interruption. Given the geographical and climatic conditions in Bögöz, where 9 out of 12 months of the year are winter months and rain is frequent, it is particularly challenging to run our events smoothly. The poor condition of the cultural buildings in the village further exacerbates this situation. Therefore, we are striving to build a sports facility, specifically a multi-purpose hall, which would allow us to host a majority of the aforementioned sports, cultural and educational programs. This would be invaluable for our community in the near future.

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