HUNGARIAN PEOPLE RATE THEIR EDUCATION SYSTEM LOWER THAN ANY OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRY POLLED IN NEW GLOBAL SURVEY

KEY FINDINGS – HUNGARY:

> When asked to rate the quality of their education system out of 10, Hungarian respondents said 4.79, the fifth lowest of all the countries polled and the lowest of any European country surveyed. By contrast, Finland topped the rankings when it came to rating their education system (8.06). Egyptians, meanwhile, rated their country’s education system lower than any other surveyed at 3.8.

> Hungary ranks 29th out of 35 countries in the Global Teacher Status Index 2018, just behind Uganda. It is the third lowest placed European country after Italy and the Czech Republic.

> Three quarters (75%) of people in Hungary instinctively view teachers as uninfluential, more than in any other country surveyed. And almost three quarters (74%) of people in Hungary instinctively view teachers as uninspiring, more than in any other country surveyed.
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> Only 12% of people in Hungary think pupils respect their teachers, the lowest of any European country surveyed and the third lowest of all the countries polled after Brazil (9%) and Israel (10%). This contrasts sharply with China where 81% of respondents believe pupils respect their teachers, more than any other country surveyed.

> Hungarians believe teachers deserve to be paid $13,000 more. The starting salary for a secondary school teacher in Hungary just over $16,000 (adjusted for purchasing power parity), but the general public polled say a fair wage would be $29,000 per annum. Teachers polled agree this would be a fair wage. Hungarian respondents underestimate what teachers earn, guessing it’s around $21,000.

> Only 17% of Hungarians would encourage their child to become a teacher, the fifth lowest of all the countries surveyed and the lowest European country alongside Portugal (17%). By sharp contrast, over half (54%) of Indians would encourage their child to become a teacher, more than any other country surveyed. The country in which the lowest proportion of respondents would encourage their child to become a teacher was Russia (6%).

Public Perceptions of How Good their Own Education System is Across Countries Related to PISA 2015 Score.
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> When Hungarian respondents were asked to rank 14 professions including doctors, nurses, librarians and social workers in order of respect, headteachers were ranked the second lowest of all the countries surveyed after Brazil. In sharp contrast, the country in which headteachers were ranked highest was Malaysia.

> Over a third of Hungarian respondents (36%) said the most comparable profession to teachers are librarians, followed in distant second place by nurses at 12%. This makes Hungary one of 10 countries that said teachers were most similar to librarians, next to 18 that said social workers. By comparison, only three countries – China, Russia and Malaysia – said teachers were most like doctors.

> Almost seven in 10 (69%) of Hungarians believe teachers should be paid according to the results of their pupils, the eighth highest of all the countries surveyed and higher than any other European country polled. By comparison, 79% of people in Egypt support performance related pay, more than in any other country surveyed, and 21% in Finland, the lowest polled.

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> The Hungarian public believe their teachers are working some of the longest hours in the world, estimating they work 45 hours a week – the fifth highest of any country surveyed after Japan, New Zealand, Uganda and the UK. However, Hungarians underestimate the number of hours teachers work, with teachers in the country polled saying they work 50.5 hours a week.

> Over nine in 10 Hungarians (91%) instinctively view teachers as being mediocre, as opposed to 9% who see them as high fliers, the second highest of all the countries surveyed after Greece where 92% said mediocre as their gut reaction. By contrast, only 32% see teachers as mediocre in Indonesia, the lowest in the survey.
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DESPITE THE LOW SOCIAL STATUS HUNGARIANS ACCORD THEIR TEACHERS, THEY BELIEVE TEACHERS DESERVE TO BE PAID $13,000 MORE

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