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Project Profiles 2017

ANANIA SHIRAKATSY ARMENIAN NATIONAL LYCEUM: SHIRAKATSY PARLIAMENT

One of the Mission Possible student teams at Anania Shirakatsy Lyceum established the Shirakatsy Parliament (ShiP) to make the school’s decision-making process more effective and inclusive. ShiP is responsible for proposing projects and initiatives on campus and beyond in order to increase student participation and active engagement in school governance. To ensure the sustainability of their project, the students drafted a document outlining the rules and regulations of ShiP which will serve as a guide for future generations.

Project Objectives:

- Adopt a democratic, inclusive decision-making system in the school
- Establish a legislative body as a supplement to the existing executive body, the Student Council
- Mobilize students to get more engaged in decision-making processes of their school

Activities:

- Determined ShiP structure, established 4 committees, elected the leadership and recruited MPs
- Drafted a ShiP Rules and Regulations document
- Convened 2 three-day Parliament sessions and a General Assembly
- Facilitated teambuilding activities and working group discussions for committees

Results:

- Increased student participation from the first Parliament session to the second (35 delegates to 48 and 9 officials to 17)
- Adopted 4 action-oriented resolutions proposed by 4 student committees
- ShiP Rules and Regulations document submitted to the school administration for approval

Next Steps: After the ShiP Rules and Regulations are approved by school administration, the students will start implementing projects according to the 4 adopted resolutions. These projects aim to improve student governance systems and finance, increase school-community engagement, and create better applied learning and volunteer opportunities.