

# Cultural and Educational Women Association of Drosero Xanthi “ELPIDA” (“THE HOPE”)



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## Press release

ELPIDA, the Roma Women’s Association of Drosero: 100 of our children have been accepted to Xanthi schools, but we need another school bus

ELPIDA, first of all, wishes all the kids starting school a happy and creative school year.

We are very pleased that the efforts of our Association over the last 13 years have laid the foundations for developing responsible citizens in our settlement and have finally led to a small number of children from our settlement being accepted in the city schools of Xanthi. It is obvious that this will contribute to the integration of an increasing number of our students into Xanthi society and into Greek society in general. We succeeded in enabling a large percentage of parents to claim something better for their children in the field of education and to help them integrate their children into the public schools in the city of Xanthi.

It took us a lot of time, effort and patience to get to this day. In January 2019, the first 27 students of our settlement started school in Xanthi. Today there are 50 pupils in elementary school, plus 50 in kindergarten, who have been given places in the public schools of Xanthi, but unfortunately they are waiting for another school bus to be found.

In order for our Association to achieve this goal, we have maintained close contact with each local education authority and with the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. There is still much to be done, and we trust that the educational authorities will substantially support us as we continue this important work.

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