

## CURRICULUMS 'READY FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR'

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**THE TWENTY** committees tasked with the wholesale reform of education will have new curriculums ready for all subjects by the end of the summer, said Education Minister Andreas Demetriou yesterday.

The minister met with all 52 committee members in the morning to mark the start of their work.

During the meeting, Georgios Tsiakalos, responsible for overseeing all 20 committees, said he would not accept any intervention in the work to prepare a new curriculum for all subjects – and especially not for History.

Tsiakalos stressed the complete autonomy of those responsible for dragging the education system into the 21st century. "Nobody can tell you what to do," he said, noting however, that the sensitivities of Cyprus must also be taken into account. Asked to comment, Demetriou said the pursuit of scientific objectivity has been the ministry's position for over a year now. The committee members were chosen because the ministry trusts their expertise and experience. "They will do their jobs as they see fit," he added.

Demetriou revealed that one thing that was for certain was the planned reduction in actual teaching time as well as the reorganisation of what goes on in the classroom.

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