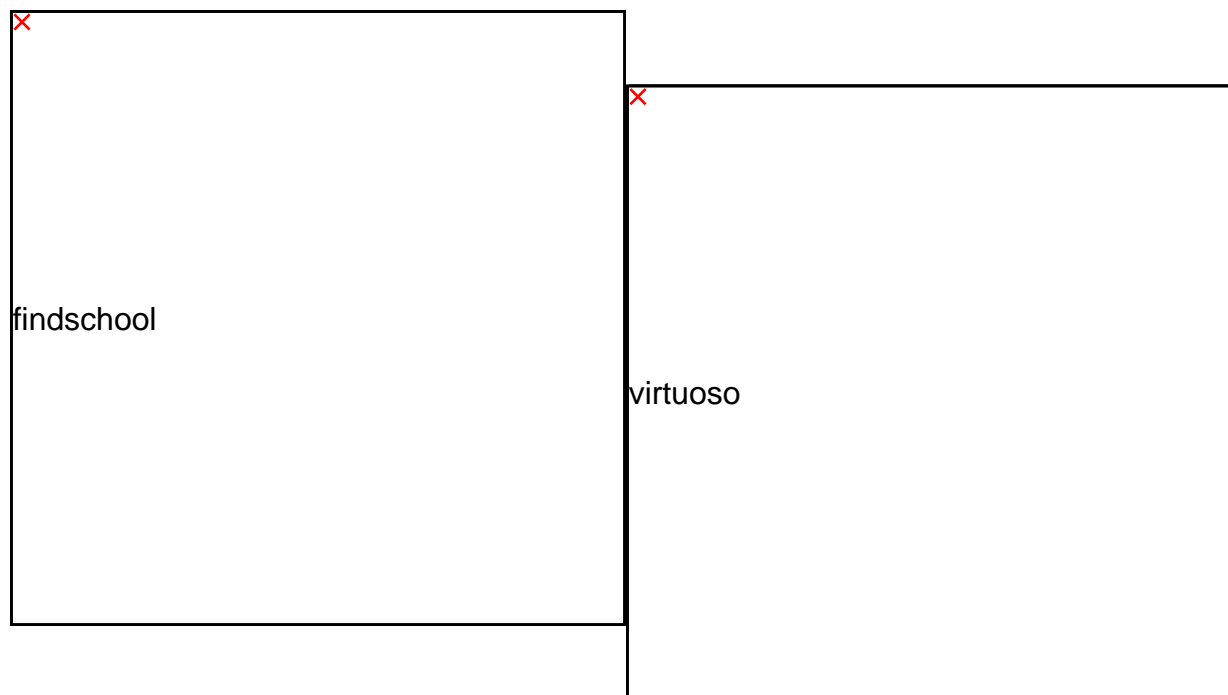


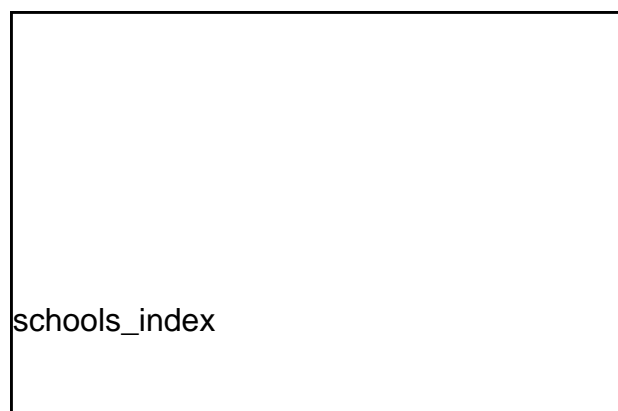
# New application enables parents in Greece to find the best school for their children

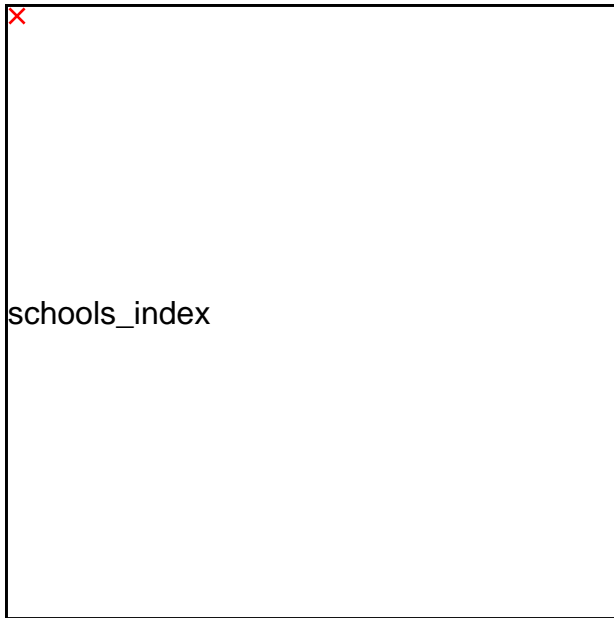
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In preparation for the new school term in Greece, a new application has been developed which helps parents find a suitable school for their children. **Open Knowledge Foundation Greece (OKFN)** have collaborated with the **MSc Web Science of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki** to bring the [find school application](#). It takes into consideration some of the major concerns that parents have when trying to find a new school for their child, such as location, number of students and teachers, test results and crime rates of the surrounding area.



In this first version, only the region of Central Macedonia is initially available. Users can input various specifications they require or pin-point on a map the area that they are interested in. There is also an option to filter the different kinds of schools, such as kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school, etc. Access to regional statistics is also available.





The OKFN is using this application to demonstrate the advantages of **opening up data in Greece**. They hope to encourage other public bodies to share data in order to benefit the rest of the country. The OKFN has made a further request to The Ministry of Education to access more information concerning schools in Greece, which in turn will enable parents to gain a more complete picture of the national school system.