To: School Principals, teachers, and students of the Educational Institutes of Abbiategrasso

Subject: **Invitation to participate in the Festival of Cultures - May 16, 2026 – "Many roots, one ground: our community"**

The **Intercultural Council of the Municipality of Abbiategrasso** is pleased to invite you to the first edition of the **Festival of Cultures**, titled "Many roots, one ground: our community."
The Festival will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2026**, at the **Visconti Castle of Abbiategrasso** and will be inaugurated by a parade through the city streets. This initiative stems from the desire to promote knowledge and respect between the different cultures of our territory. We firmly believe that school is the primary laboratory for active citizenship; therefore, your presence is fundamental to building an authentic and joyful intercultural dialogue.

Daily Program

MORNING: Walking Together

- **09:30 – Friendship Parade:** A symbolic moment of unity.
  - **Departure:** Friendship Park (Via Legnano).
  - **1st Meeting Point:** Via De Amicis (at the entrance of Margherita di Savoia School).
  - **2nd Meeting Point:** Piazza Marconi.
  - **Arrival:** Piazza Castello.
- **11:00 – Institutional Greetings**, celebration together, and opening of booths and workshops.

AFTERNOON: Sharing and Discovery

- **13:00 – Lunch Together:** A convivial moment with the opportunity to taste flavors from around the world.
- **15:00 - 18:30 – Workshops and Creativity:**
  - Cultural and musical workshops, games.
  - Thematic exhibitions.
  - **"Next Stop: Theater!"** drama workshop organized by "Associazione Monolite".
  - **"Let's Sing Together"** gospel singing workshop with the "Al ritmo dello spirito" Gospel Choir.
- **16:00 - 18:30 – "Human Library":** A unique opportunity to listen to life stories and break down prejudices through dialogue.

EVENING: Music in the Square

- **21:00 – Grand Concert:** In Piazza Castello with the **Elikya Choir**.

How Schools Can Participate

In addition to joining the **Friendship Parade** with their families, students and classes can actively contribute through:

- **Creative Displays:** Exhibitions, projects, or texts on the themes of cultural belonging and/or hospitality.
- **Workshop Participation:** An opportunity to experiment with different artistic and cultural languages.

To assist you, we are sending this communication in Italian, Arabic, English, Spanish, and Chinese to be shared with families. To coordinate the participation of students, teachers, and parents in the Parade, or to propose the display of school projects, please refer to the school delegates of the Intercultural Council.

We encourage you to spread the program among families so that the Festival may be a moment of growth for the entire community of Abbiategrasso. For further information or clarification, please write to **consultainterculturale@gmail.com**.

Thank you for your cooperation. Best regards,

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